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OF ORNATVS AND
ARTESIA.

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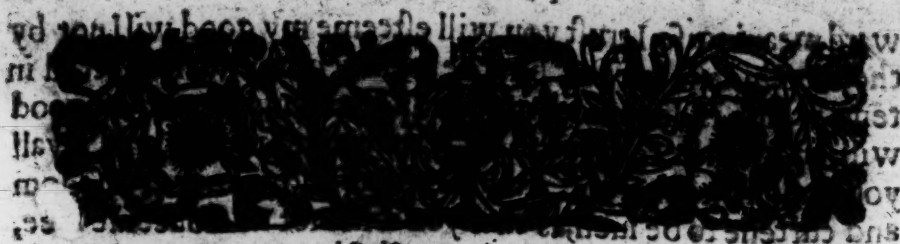
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ORNATUS.

Who with his sonne I. E. N. O. N. intending
to leave his Deare right heart to the
Crown was afterwards slain by his own
servants; and ORNATUS after
a many years exile
Crowned King.



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TO THE RIGHT
WORSHIPFULL
Bartholomew
County of Yorke Esquire, the
Heirens graunt Health, content
and all the eternall
Happines.



His vnpolisht History (Right Worshipfull)
 wanting the Ornament of Eloquence, presen-
 teth it selfe in his naturall and selfe-expressing
 forme, in well applyed wordes, not in tedi-
 ous borrowed phrales, wherein neyther the
 lewd can finde examples to suite theyr dispo-
 sition, the warlike no tearmes to discontent them, nor the
 well affected any cause of offence. Here you shall see Lust
 Tyrannizing Auarice, guilty of murther, and dignity, seeking
 his content with vsurpation, yet all subuerted to vertue.
 Which I am bold to present vnto you; not for the worth, but
 to expresse my good will, which is not vnmindfull in some
 sort to gratifie the manifold courtesies I haue receiued of
 you. And although it be altogether not worth estimation,
 and to bee accounted no requitall for so many good turnes;
 yet I desire you to accept the same in stead of a better,
 and the summe of that which my ability at this time can af-
 foord: Which beeing but a Fancie, vouchsafe to esteeme,
 though not agreeing with your Grauntie, yet (as many
 both Noble and Wise in such like matters haue done) to
 be read for recreation. As the value of the gift expresseth
 not the affection of the giuer, nor the outward show the in-
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The Epistle Dedicatorie.

ward meaning: so I trust you will esteeme my good will not by the worthinesse hereof, but the quality of my well affected intent, which is devoted vnto you in the bands of my good will, and will be ready to shew it selfe constant as long as you shall make thereof. And for that I know your wisdom and curtesie to be such, as that you will not misconstrue mee, but esteeme well hereof, and my affection to you, to bee exprest in the Dedication, I haue aduentured to Dedicate the same to your protection, though altogether yndeseruing the title of your Patronage, which your further kindnes shall bind mee hereafter to requite the same with some worthier work collected by my labours.

Thus beeing loath to bee tedious and troublesome vnto you, I commit this silly Present to your gentle acceptation and your selfe to the gracious protection of the Almighty.

Tommy Warships most ready

Emanuell Foord.

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THE EPISTLE

TO THE READER.



Gentlemen, I have published this Historie, at the
 intreaty of some of my familiar friends being at
 the first collected with no intent to have it
 printed, for as yet having taken but one flight,
 I durst not too boldly venture againe, lest my
 unskilfulness might cause my repentance. But
 being supported by the assistance of your gentle
 fauours, I shall grow hardy and hereafter la-
 bour to procure your further delight: the reward I expect, being
 your kinde acceptance. But of contrary to my thought, this my
 Summer fruit bee gathered before it be ripe, I promise amends with
 old fruit, that hath bene a yeare in ripening, and in the beginning
 of the next Winter comming forth. In the meane time peruse this
 Historie, which fauoureth more of pleasure then Eloquence, and al-
 though hastily compiled, yet let it passe under your fauourable cen-
 sure, and by your courtesies, be shrowded and from the variable dis-
 likes of Mennes vaine imitators.

The learned, Wise, and courteous, Will according to the quality
 of their dispositions, esteeme well of this unworthy Worke, valuing
 the same, not by the worth, but the will of the writer. As for such
 as eyther rashly condemne without iudgement, or lauishly dislike
 without aduise, I esteeme them like the downe of Thistles, incon-
 stantly dispeare with enery blast, accounting theyr discontent my
 content: not caring to please those that are pleased with nothing.
 But did my gaines counteruaile my labours, I would then frame my
 fauours

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fancy to fit theiſr humours, but getting nothing, I can looſe no leſſe,
only to have a good opinion of the ſtyle of theſe ſermons, if all I
crave, and that I hope your good words will afford.

As at a Banquet there are ſeverall diſhes, ſome plea-
ſant, ſome ſharpe, yet all agreeable: ſome ſweet, ſome ſour, ſome
ſweete, yet all eſteemed, ſo with indifferencie; amongſt variety of
eloquent Hiſtories, let this ſerve as one diſh to furniſh out a banquet
and like ſavour and ſweete intermingled, make a pleaſant taſte, by
your courteous conſtruing of my good meaning, and your favoura-
ble opinion of Ornatus here. So ſhall I repune my debt to you great,
my labours well beſtowed, and my ſelfe bound to requite your kind-
neſſe, You ſhall ſhow your affection to learning, ſerue in favouring
good endeavours, and give encouragement to poore ſtudent labours.
I reſt well contented, my reward rich, and here I ſhall be ready
and willing to deſerve your courteſie.

But if Ornatus have breed my blame, as it becometh his baniſh-
ment, then may I wiſh I had never knowne heretofore, and any one of
Mala fortuna, as my reward. With the bird Celia bred in Af-
frica: who wandring farre from her neſt, by forgetfulneſſe cannot
returne; and ſo for ever after abandoneth company. So I too boldly
building on your courteſie, may be wounded with repentance: and
by my overſight be brought in diſpaire, unleſſe your courteſie
prevent ſhe ſame: on which my hopes depend, And I reſt.

E. FOORD.

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story, of ORNATVS
and ARTESIA.

CHAP. I.

How *Ornatvs* was enamoured of the fayre *Artesia*.



A the rich and renowned Country of Phrygia, in Provinces not far distant from these neighbourhood, dwelt two ancient Knights, the one named Allinus, the other Arbastus, men of great possessions, & much honored. Between whom, such extreame contention and hatred remained, by reason of the death of one Renó, brother to Allinus, long since slain in a Quarrell by certaine Gentlemen belonging to Arbastus, that neither their alone wisdom, nor the sundry persuasions of friends to either party allyed, were of any force to mitigate the same. Both of them, being enriched with innumerable blessings, especially in their faire progeny.

Allinus having a Sonne of goodly stature, and commendable gifts, named Ornatvs. And Arbastus a daughter, called Artesia, of exceeding comeliness, exteriorly beautified with abundance of gifts

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gifts of nature, and inwardly adorne with abundance of virgine perfections. Yet by reason of their Parents discord, they remained as farre ignorant in knowledge one of the other, as if they had bene separated by an innumerable distance of strange countries.

Ornatus about all things delighted in Hawking, and on a day being weary, he wandred without company with his Hawke on his fist into a most pleasant Valley, where he shadowed himselfe under the shadow of a tuft of greene trees, with purpose to rest himselfe, and euen when his eyes were ready to yeld to slumber, he was reuiued from his drowsinesse by the noyse of a kennell of Hounds that past by him in chace of a Stagge, after whom, Arbastus and others in his company (though to him knowne) followed, who being passed by, whilest he was in a deepe study, to thinke what they should be, he espied a beautifull damzell entring the same valley, who being somewhat weary liking the prospect of that shady tuft of trees, alighted there, which Ornatus seeing, withdrew himselfe from her sight, whilest she tying her selfe to a bush, layd her delicate body downe upon the cooling earth, to coole her selfe, and dry up her sweat, which she sought to accomplish, she vnloosed her garments, and with a decent and comely behaviour, discovered her milke white necke & breast beautified with two round pretious teates, to receiue the breath of the coole wind, which was affected with a delight to exhale the most sweet vapours from her pure body. Ornatus seeing all, and admiring himselfe, noted with a delight each perfect lineament of her proper body, beauty, sweet sanour, and other comelinesse, which filled his heart with exceeding pleasure, therewith growing into an unrestrained affection towards her, and a great desire what she should be, when suddenly his Hawke feeling his humane thinking to pearch her selfe with quiet priuie per selfe and with the noyse of her Wels made Artesia to start, who as one half agast, with a fearefull behauior rose from the ground, looking round about her from whence that sound came; she espied Ornatus who unwilling she should perceiue he had seene her, layd as if he had slept, Artesia marveling what he should be, and accordingly thinking

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thinking he had slept, closed her naked brest with great haste, and unwilling her horse, thought to goe away vnstayed. Which Ornatus perceiuing, and unwilling without speaking to her to loose her sight, seemed to awake, and raising himselfe, stedfastly beheld her. which infused such a red vermillion blush into her beautifull cheekes, and withall such a bashfull confusion spred it selfe in her conceits, that she stood like one halfe amazed or ashamed.

Which Ornatus perceiuing, dreyne towards her, and græted her with these speeches. Faire Damzell, be not abasht with my presence, though a stranger, which shall no way (if I can chuse) offend you, but rather command me, and I will be ready to doe you any seruice. Artesia notwithstanding his speeches, withdrew her selfe aside, leading her horse to a bank, where with ease she mounted, and so rode away, not giuing him any answer at all.

Ornatus muelled thereat, yet rightly imputed her unkinde departure to her feare, not discurtesse. And seeing himselfe deprived of her sight, and the night approaching, he departed home to his fathers house. After supper, betaking himselfe to his chamber, with intent to rest, he was possessed with such remembrance of the beautifull Damzell he had seene, that his sleepe was transformed into continuall cogitations of her beauty, forme, and fauour, and the pleasant sight he had seene in the discovery of some of her hidden beauties, imprinted such a delight in his affectionate conceits, that he could take no sleepe, but he continued all that night in those meditations.

The next day, thinking to shake off all further remembrance of her, he got him into the company of his most chosen friends, wherein before time he took most delight, yet now by reason of his distemperature, he rather seemed weary thereof. He had not continued long with them, but he was saluted by a Gentleman named Phylastes, with whom he was familiarly acquainted: This Gentleman belonged to an ancient Duke named Turnus, who in honour of his birth day, from which Allinus excused himselfe, of purpose, because he thought he should meet Arbastus there, but because the Duke should take no offence at him, he granted that his Sonne Ornatus should goe to doe him honour.

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Which Phylastes acquainted Ornatus withall, who glad thereof, departed thither in company of diuers other Gentlemen: the Duke likewise had sent another Messenger to request Arbastus company, who being of a more milde nature then Allinus, willingly went, and with him his Lady, and faire daughter Artesia.

CHAP. II.

How Ornatus came to the knowledge of Artesia, and intreated Adellena, to make knowne his loue to her, and of the rebuke Artesia gave her.



After the feast was ended, and the Duke had honoured his guests with all manner of courtesie, he and the principallest, among whom Arbastus was one of the chiefe, according to the custome vsed in the Countrey, seated themselves to behold certaine Games and exercises to be performed by the young Gentlemen: which was, running, wrestling, and diuers other exercises for tryall of the strength and nimblenesse of the body: amongst the rest, Ornatus (hauing neuer before made tryall of himselfe) had such good successe, and behaved himselfe with such agility and strength, that he wonne the chiefe honour, and was presented before the Duke, to receiue a rich reward.

Which when he had receiued, casting his eyes vpon the beholders, he espied Artesia, whom he perfectly knew againe, ready to depart with her Parents, who had bidden the Duke farewell. Ornatus comming to Phylastes, asked if he knew that damzell, shewing him Artesia, who told him, what she was. Ornatus was glad of that small knowledge, which could adde little meanes to his hopes, yet somewhat discontented, that she was daughter to Arbastus. And thus the day being ended, euery one departed to their abodes.

Ornatus hauing againe attained his Chamber, spent his time of rest in sundry cogitations of his loue, and how to guide her know,

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knowledge of his affection, noting every danger, and pondering how discontentedly his parents would take the same, if it should by any meanes come to their knowledge, finding so many lets to hinder him, that he was oftentimes in utter despair of attaining to the least hope of good successe. But finding his affection to increase more and more, and burning with a seruent desire, which nothing but onely her fauour could extinguish.

After that night was past, earely the next morning, he wandered towards the place where hee had beheld her with such exceeding content, and by the way as he went, hee met with a gentlewoman named Adellena, of meane birth, and small lining, yet of good education, who oftentimes resorted to Arbastus house, and was going thither at that instant, into whose company hee insinuated himselfe, for that he saw her alone, and sayd as followeth.

Gentlewoman, I am bold to intreat a word or two with you: Sir, replied she, with a good will. I will satisfie you in what I can: know you not, quoth he, Arbastus? I doe quoth she, both know him, and am very well acquainted with him, vnto whose house I am now going. So would I, quoth he, if I durst, for I serue Ornatus, sonne to Allinus, whom I doe not doubt, but you know well, of whom I will tell you more, but that I feare to commit his secrets to them I know not, and thereby vnwillingly doe him intury: but would you vouchsafe, but to heare them, keepe them secret, and withall, adde your helpe for to further him, which you may with safety performe, you should doe him an exceeding pleasure, and withall, bee so highly rewarded, and thankfully gratified, that you should thinke your labour very well employed: doe a deede of pittie, and binde him in perpetuall bands of kinde loue and friendship?

Sir, replied Adellena, I know not the Gentleman, yet I haue heard him very much commended, whome, if I could any way pleasure, I would vse both diligence and secrecie, promising you vpon my faith and credit, if you will make mee acquainted with your mind, I will either doe my good will to further him, or else conceale what you shall commit to my privacy.

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Then sayd he, my master not long since walking in yonder halley beheld Artesia, sayze Artesia, daughter to Arbastus, to whose beauty he is exceedingly inthralled, that unlesse some meanes of comfort he found to ease his torments, I feare mee it will endanger his life: whom you onely may pleasure, by making his loue knowne to her, in such sort as shall best agree with your wisdom. This is all, and yet so much, that the revealing thereof may doe much harme. And to effect such a contract, might procure peace, and vnitte twixt their parents. Wherefore I entreat your ayde and furtherance herein: with which good newes, if I returns to him, I know it will breede no little comfort to his disquieted heart:

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Orz, sayd she, since I perceyue his loue is grounded vpon vertue, not vpon one thereto by any desire of rewarde, I undertake to be his assistant herein, and will to the uttermost of my best endeauours, labour to procure his content. Which this day I will in some sort put in execution. And if you returne to mee to morrow, you shall know her answer. I will sayd he, and so they departed. Ornatius hauing left her, entred into many cogitations of this rash attempt, accounting himself ouer credulous to commit his secrets to her prauitie, of whose fidelity he had neuer made triall, sometimes comforting himselfe with hope of good event, and agayne, dispayring of comfort, for that he supposed, Artesia would rather esteeme him as an enemy then a friend; by reason of their parents hatred, and therefore would the more hardly be vnable to giue any credit to his sute. And resoluing a chaos of these and such like confused cogitations, he attained his fathers house, thinking the time tedious vntill his appointed meeting with Adellena, which he ouerpast with great care. Adellena after her departure from him, soone attayned to Arbastus house, vsing her selfe as she had formerly done, yet withall, carefull how to execute the charge she had in hand, which she could by no occasion utter till after dinner, when she found Artesia all alone in the garden, insinuated herselfe into her company, which Artesia kindly accepted, entring into variety of discourses, and continuing some time in giuing certayne heards theyr proper names: amongst the rest,

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Artesia espied an hearbe with party coloured leaues, demanding of Adellena if she knew the name thereof, which she told her she did not. I haue oftentimes quoth Artesia sene this hearbe, and it hath two pretty names, it is by some called Loue in Idlenesse, and by some Hearts-ease: with that Adellena fetcht adoepe, though counterfeited sigh, which Artesia noting, sayd: What maketh you sigh to heare it named Hearts-ease? Harry (quoth she) one way, because those two names so ill agree: an other, for by the same I call to remembrance the hearts grieve I heard a young man complain of procured by loue, which was not in idlenesse, but I think in good earnest. Why quoth Artesia, can loue procure such hearts grieve to any, and not rather content? Yes, sayd she, because the party in loue, hath no hope to attaine the good liking of the party he loueth. Then quoth Artesia, I account him a foole, that will loue so deeply without hope of reward, and that to be rather fondnesse then true friendship, that placeth his affections with such inequalities. But I pray tell me, what is he into whose secrets you were so suddenly admitted? Not admitted, quoth she, for vnawares I heard his complaynts, which afterwards, I promised him not to make any acquainted withall, but the party whom he so intirely loueth. Then quoth Artesia, I may not know, neither doe I care, for it is but a vanity that troubleth ones cogitations: Yes, quoth she, you may, and shall if you please, know who he is, conditionally, you will neither be offended with mee for telling; you, nor reueale what I shall impart. Why, qu. she, am I the party, or doth it any way concerne me, that I should be offended? If it be, then keepe your counsels unreuealed, for it will proue vnseasonable to my stomacke, for be it far from me, to be troubled with the vaine futes of doying louers: yet let me answer, qu. Adellena, you beare too grieuous a roe of loue; which is the diuine party whereby hearts are vnited in vertue. Without the which, neither mortals can attaine heauen, nor other creatures haue they being therefore not to be abhorred: and for that any should loue your selfe, can that be any offence to you, but rather be accepted in kind for: wee should by nature loue them that loue vs, then will you contrary to nature yeeld hatred for loue? For you indeed, are the party

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party that is beloued, and the party that is so farre in loue with you enery way to be commended, and no way discommended, whose name, I will not reueale, and then I hope I shall haue no offence to your eares. Doe so, quoth Artesia, for concealing the same you please me, and if you will be welcome into my company, vse no more of these speeches. Had I thought, quoth she, they would haue bene offensive, I would not haue uttered them, but in so doing, I did but fulfill your request: then at my request againe, quoth she, giue ouer. After this communication ended, they parted, Adellena home to her house, and Artesia to her supper, and afterwards to her chamber, where at first, some cold thoughts of those speeches past in her fancies, but afterwards she spent the rest of that night in quiet sleepe.

CHAP. III.

How Adellena conuayed Ornatus Letter into Artesiaes Casket, and with what impatience Artesia tooke the same.



He morning being newly approached, Ornatus who had so long expected the same, arose and soone got to Adellenaes house, where he arrived before she was up, who hauing knowledge thereof, soone came downe to him, (taking him to be no other then Ornatus his man) to whom she declared the very truth of all her speeches had with Artesia. Which nipt him at the heart, but being in some hope by her perswasions, at last giuing her a purse full fraught with gold, in recompence of her paines past, and to entice her to undertake more, he said as followeth.

Good Adellena, be not dismayed to prosecute my sute, for Artesiaes first frowne, for I am not Ornatus man, but praye Ornatus him.

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himselfe that languish with desire to attaine her lone, which I would my selfe prosecute, if the discords betwixt our parents did not hinder the same. Wherefore, I beseech you once againe doe something in my behalfe, for you see how cruell destiny hath shut me from all meanes to be put in practise by my selfe, and you may pleasure me without any hazard at all: for which I will rest so thankfull vnto you, as that you shall account your paines taken well bestowed.

Sir, replied he, I would undertake any thing to further you, if I knew which way, but I perceine Artesias forwardnesse is such, that nothing I shall bring her will be welcome: but if you will aduise me what I shall doe, I will once againe hazard the losse of her good liking for your sake. Which said, Ornatus wrote a Letter, which he desired her by some meanes to conuey to her sight, the contents whereof were these.

To the Fairest Artesia.

FAIREST of Creatures, bee not offended with my boldnesse, but rather fauourably censure of my good meaning; for being bound to honour none but most vertuous, I thought it my duty to giue you knowledge thereof, desiring you to pittie the extremity of my passions, procured by the attainture of your conquering perfections. I confesse, you may alledge many things, as reasons to disswade you from giuing credit to my speeches, or yeelding me the least fauour in your conceits: yet I beseech you, make but tryall of my loyalty, loue, and duty, so farre as shall agree with your liking, and you shall finde me constant in one, and perseuerant in the other, as one that hath submitted himselfe to your command, vowed his deuotions to purchase your fauour, and euerlastingly bound himselfe to be onely yours: vnable to expresse my humble meaning, vnwilling to be offensive, and desirous of fauour: then I beseech you be fauourable to me, though bearing the name of an enemy, in whom you shall finde the true heart of a constant friend, whose safety, comfort and preservation, re-
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steth in your power. The first view of your beautie (which was in the Valley when you were last hunting) surprised my heart with such humble regard to your vertues, that euer since, my heart hath indured the bitter torments of fearefull dispaire, which vrgeth me to this presumption, desiring from your sacred lips to receiue my sentence of comfort, or affliction, rather then to spend my life in languishing vnreuealed torment. Then bee you gracious to him, that is otherwise most miserable, and shew fauour to an vnderferuing vnknowne friend: so shall you not onely shew, that you are mercifull, but also saue a miserable Louer from vtter ruine.

Your humble friend,
Ornatus

Adellena hauing receiued this Letter, told him, she would deliuer the same: which the next day she performed in this sort. Being come to Arabittus house, she continued most part of the day in Artesiaes company, not once renning the least remembrance of the talke shee had with her the day before: but espying her open her Casket, wherein she put her work, whilst Artesia was busie, shee priuily conueyed the Letter, vnseene, into the same, which by and by Artesia locked, for none but her selfe had the key thereof.

Adellena thought long till she was gone, fearing least Artesia should vpon some occasion open the Casket againe. and so finde the Letter whilst shee was there: therefore shee soone found meanes to depart. When the time of rest was come, and Artesia alone in her Bed, taking a Wake (according to her usuall manner) to reade a while, shee suddenly fell a sleepe, and in her sleepe was possessed with a dreame, wherein her thoughts called to remembrance Adellenas speeches, which moued such a disquiet conceit of anger in her Brest, that thinking shee had chiid her, with the motions of her spirits shee awaked, feeling an exceeding distemperature.

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Temperature in all her parts, and seeing the light still burning, she marvelled at her owne selfe, that had before forgot to put the same out, and by this meanes, called to remembrance Adellenas speeches, maruelling what he should be that was in loue with her; and suddenly againe reproving her selfe, for giuing her minde liberty to thinke of lone, she would haue banisht all further remembrance thereof out of her minde: but the more she laboured, the more unable she was to preuaile in ouermassing her fancies, that bring both vexed with her selfe and Adellena, she uttered these speeches.

What disquiet is this possesseth my heart, procureth such vnwonted cogitations to rise in my fancies, and disturbeth my rest: I was not wont to trouble my thoughts with such vaine cogitations, which the more I labour to suppress, the more they increase.

Could Adellenas speeches haue such force (which I had well-nigh forgotten) as thus long to sticke in my remembrance: O, what reason haue I to regard them, that were not worth the regarding, but rather tended to demonstrate the affection of some ouer-sensd louer, that seeketh to entrap my chaſtity: Accursed be her lips for uttering them, and would to God, I had bene deafe, that I might not haue heard their enchanting sound.

This sayd, she catcht vp her Booke, thinking by reading, to vniue away all remembrance thereof, but her heart was so fully possesd with a kinde of cogitation, what he should be, that she neither could reade, or when she had read, remember what she did reade: and finding this meanes not auailable, she started from her Bed, opening her Casket to take out her Sampler, wherein she tooke most delight, when suddenly she espyed the Letter, and reading the Superscription, was halfe astonishd thereat, especially how it should come there, and what the contents should be, being oftentimes in minde to teare the same in pieces, and not reade it, which her heart would not suffer her to doe, before she had seen what was the Contents: yet striving to ouer-maske her Affections, she tare the same
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in the midst : which done, such a remorse rose in her fancy, united with a desire to know further thereof, that leaping into the bed, she closed the same together, and betwixt a willing and unwilling minde, read the same throughout. With that, fetching a deepe sigh, she sayd : Aye my poore soule, how are my affections betrayed to mine enemy? was it Ornatus she meant? can it be, that he will proue my friend, that is my professed enemy? No: he intendeth nothing lesse then loue, but rather vnder colour thereof, seeketh my ruine. Was it he that I beheld in the Valley? or is it possible, that he should bee so deeply in loue with me, vpon that small sight? No, no, I will not credit his speeches. but still repute him as an Enemy, as indeede hee is; and henceforth abandon Adellenaes company by whose meanes this Letter was conuayed into my Casket: then tearing the same into a thousand pieces, she abstained (so neare as she could) from all thought of yielding the least consent to loue, and sought to encrease her disdain, and suspect of his falsehood. spending the rest of that night in confused contrarieties of doubtfull thoughts. Early in the morning she gate vp, and within short time met with Adellena, (who was come, and desirous to know what issue her deuice had taken) and finding occasion fit when none was by, she vttered these speeches.

Adellena, I marvel what folly ruleth your minde, that you (whom I had thought had beene so vertuously giuen) should seeke my ruine: wherein haue I shewne my selfe so unkinde, that you should requite me in this discourteous sort? You remember the speeches past betwixt vs the other day in the Garden, when I finding out your intent by your speeches, desired you to giue ouer to vse any more talkes to that effect; which you faithfully promised, but now most unfaithfully haue broken, and more impudently haue betrayed my quiet with your disquiet and ill-sounding newes: if your rudenesse hath beene such, that you could not desist, you might then haue deliuered Ornatus false and fained incchantment into my hands, and not so secretly haue conueyed the same into my Casket: wherein you haue made me amends for my
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loue, to seeke to betray my life into the hands of mine enemy: for otherwise, I neither can nor will esteeme him. Therefore hence forthwards come no more into my company: for I forswear your familiaritie, hate your counsell, and will cause my father to banish you his house, and alienate his friendship from you for ever.

Adellena would haue answered: but Artesia refusing to heare her, departed, and left her so much griened, that for extreame veration, she immediately departed towards her owne house.

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How *Ornatvs* despairing, left his fathers house, and disguising himselfe, was entertained of *Arbassus*.



Ornatus desirous to heare how Artesia had accepted his Letter, came to Adellenaes house, and found her weeping for anger: desiring to know the cause thereof, which shee declared to him at large: which wrought such an exceeding passion of griefe in his minde, that without yeelding her eyther thanks for her paines, or other speech, he departed, being so much overcome with inward sorrow, that finding a solitary place, he layd himselfe downe vpon the Earth uttering these lamentations.

O miserable Catife! what hast thou to doe, but lament, when thy ill fortune yeelds nothing but cause of lament: Why should thy life last to endure these torments, and not rather to dissolve into vnsencelessnes? Could any thing haue happened to me more miserable, then to behold Artesia, and now to endure her cruelty: or more fortunate, if shee had beene mercifull: But my Destinies haue ordaind mee, to like her that hateth me, and to become thall to a cruell vrelenting enemy. Well, my Loue is sweeter then my Life, and therefore I will venture Life and all, to purchase her liking.

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Having said this, he a while sat silent, when suddenly, to favour his extremities, he beheld certaine of his familiars passe by, with whom he departed home.

Early the next morning (being exceedingly troubled in minde, and impatient of delay) he left his fathers house, to visite Adellena againe, whom he had the day before left so unkindly: whom he found ready to goe to Arbastus house againe, and saluting her, said: Adellena, be not offended at my last unmannerly departure; for my heart was so much disquieted at the ill successe my suite tooke, that I could not vse that behauiour towards you, your paines deserved: but now, I am returned, to craue your counsell what is further to be done herein.

Sir, replied she, I know not what farther meanes to vse, neyther dare I any more attempt to try Artesias Courtship; who is already so much offended with me, that I feare to lose her friendship for ever, if I should offer that againe that is so unwelcome to her.

Ornatus hearing her speeches, thought she was unwilling to prosecute his suite any further, and with a heauie heart left her, entering into many thoughts and cogitations, which way to comfort himselfe, oftentimes utterly despairing. and yet purposing to leaue no meanes unassayed, nor danger vnattempted, though with hazard of his life, to purchase some rest to his troubled heart.

At length, he thought with himselfe, what should make Artesia so hard-hearted, as to giue no credit to my speeches: it is not her want of lenitie, pittie, or wisdom: for she is young, and therefore subiect to loue; beautifull, and therefore to be wooed; wise, and therefore will with consideration pittie my sorowes. What then, should alienate her good liking from me, more then from another? My Name; for by that, she reputeth me an enemy: then, were I not Ornatus she would peraduenture giue some regard to my suite. Therefore, I will change my Name, and be another then I am, that she not knowing me, may (if not loue me) yet desire to hate me. When began he to studie, what meanes to vse to enioy her
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light (without the which, he could not live) and yet not be knowne what he was. Amongst many other Devices, this was the deepest roste. Within few dayes after (having provided all things necessarie) he attyzed himselfe like a Virgin of a strange Countrey (which he might well be esteemed to be, by his youth) and taking with him his Lute, whereon he could play exceedingly well, in the silent of the Night he departed towards the Sea-coast, which was nere unto Arbastus house; and seating himselfe upon the Rockishore, began to play upon his Lute. Early the next morning, a Shepheard happened to passe by that way, and espying his strange Disguise, and hearing his sweete Musicke, was so exceedingly delighted therewith, that he stayed to see what he was.

Ornatus turning himselfe about, espyed the old man, stand gazing upon him; wherewith he drew towards him, and said as followeth:

Good father, muse not to see me in this unfrequented place, being by Shipwacke cast on this Shore, and preserved from a grieuous death by Sea, to perish for want of comfort on the Land, in a strange place, where I neither have friends, nor know which way to get comfort: Therefore, I beseech you, yeeld comfort to my distresse, and succour to my want. Faire Damzell, quoth the Shepheard, if my homely Cottage can yeeld you any comfort; so please you to accept thereof, it shall be at your command; whither so please you go, without more circumstance of speeches, you shall be most heartily welcome. I thanke you, quoth Ornatus, and I accept your gentle proffer: so they departed together. And when they were entred, and the Shepheardesse in the best manner she could, had welcomed him, and he had tasted of such food as was set before him, he told them, his Name was Sylia, telling a Tale of sufficient Countenance to beare credit, of the manner of their Shipwacke, and the cause he undertooke that Voyage by Sea: which the olde folks belerued. Likewise, framing himselfe to such a kinde of behaviour, that it was almost impossible to discerne, but that he was a Woman indeed.

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Where Syluia (for vnder that name he shall a while passe) stayed some two dayes, yet without any hope how to enioy Artesiaes company. But the third day it fortuned Arbastus being abroad in hunting, was by a violent storme driuen to seeke shelter, and most fortunately lighted on the Shepheards Cottage: where he boldly entred, without calling: and suddenly esping Syluia, was halfe astonished to behold a damzell so beautifull and richly attyzed in that homely place: but after that he had a while viewed her well (Syluia being alone) with a courteous behauiour, he thus spake:

Faire Damzell, pardon my boldnesse, if I haue disquieted you: I little thought to haue found such ghests in this homely place. Syluia knowing him to be Arbastus, arose, but made him no answer: when presently the olde Shepheard came in, vsing great reuerence to Arbastus: who demanded of him, what Damzell that was: whereupon the old man declared all that he knew.

Arbastus then thus said: Damzell, I vnderstand by this Shepheard some part of your misfortunes, which I so much pittie, that I offer to doe any thing resteth in me, to doe you pleasure: And for that this homely place is not agreeable to your birth, which may be greater then I can iudge of, let me desire you to accept of such entertainment as my Habitation yeeldeth: whether you shall be welcome. Syluia being glad of that proffer, yet fearing to be discovered, by his willingness to yeeld, made this answer: Sir, this homely place is best agreeing to my poore estate, being by my fortune brought to miserie: which I am also vnworthie of, for that I know not how to make my self amends, desiring rather to liue in this quiet place, void of care, then in places of more dignitie: but for that I shall be too chargeable to this poore man, and you so earnestly desire me, I will be so bold as to take your proffer, though vnable to be so gratefull as I would. Many other speeches past betwixt them, and in the end they departed towards Arbastus Castle: where Syluia was kindly and worthily entertained, hauing his hearts desire, which was to enioy the sight of faire Artesia.

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Ornatus being alone by himselfe, began to meditate of the good successe he had in this attempt, and how fortunately all things had fallen out to further him in his love. But most of all, he marvelled how the eyes of all that beheld him, were blinded, that they could not perceine what he was. In these and many such like comfortable meditations, hee spent some thre or foure dayes, taking most great content in beholding Artesiaes perfections, that hee was more and more inthralled in the bands of bowled affection, hearing her speech, noting her behauiour, admiring her vertue, commending her courtesie, affecting her beauty, and imprinting each liniment of her diuine forme, in his deuoted affection, with such immouable resoluē of constant loyalty, that hee did not onely love her, but also honour her as an Idoll, being by Arbastus admitted her company, that at all times he was with her. Artesia likewise tooke no little pleasure in Sylvians company, in whom so much courtesie abounded, that euery one both liked, and commended her.

CHAP. V.

How *Adellena* brought newes to *Arbastus* house, of *Ornatus* suddaine departure. How he named himselfe *Sylvian*, a long time enioyed her company, and what successe he had in his love.



Adellena hauing heard of Ornatus departure from his fathers house, and of the exceeding care and griefe his parents took, fearing least he might by some treachery be murdered, with which newes she came to Arbastus house, and soon published the same, that the newes came to Arbastus his hearing, who was exceedingly ioie to heare the same, for that he esteemed well of Ornatus. And now comming into the Garden, where Artesia was walking with Sylvian, she could

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could not withhold her selfe from speaking, but vttered her mind in these words.

Artesia be not offended with that I say, but rather be displeased with your selfe, who are the originall of this woe. Ornatus, whome you supposed your enemy, though indeede your most faithfull friend, taking your unkinde refusall most heavily, and accounting himselfe not woorthy to liue, if you despised him, either hath wrought his owne vntimely death, or despairing to finde fauour at your hands, hath abandoned both his parents, country, and acquaintance, to liue in exile. What will be sayd of you, when the cause of his sorrow shall be knowne: how may your owne conscience accuse your selfe of hard heartednesse, that would not yeld pittie to the distresse of so woorthy, vertuous, and courteous a Gentleman, who for his humble suite, was spightfully disdaind, and his hearty good will disdainefully reieted: Which cruell deede of yours, no doubt will be one day repayed with the like disdain, where you shall most affect. I know his loue was firme, constant, and immoueable, which maketh me so much the more pittie his estate: I know his meaning was both vertuous and honourable; his birth you know: what vertues abounded in him, all can witness, and how heartily he loued you, the heauens can witness. More Ornatus farewell: Hard was thy hap, to place thy true loue so firmly, where thou reapedst so little reward. Artesia hearing her speeches, could not tell whether she might blame her, or accuse her selfe, sometimes doubting whether she spake this of policy to try her, or of truth, being as ready to blame her, or accuse her selfe, sometimes doubting neither: For she thought, if she spake true, she had good cause to say that she did, and her selfe more to blamed then any. For notwithstanding she had giuen Adellena, so flat a denyall, yet her conscience knew, that some sparkes of loue were kindled in her brest: That her heart being somewhat opprest with these thoughts, caused the water to stand in her eyes. Ornatus seeing all this, tooke no little comfort thereat, especially when he perceiued Artesias heart to relent: but for that by this disguise, being knowne no other then a woman, he kept silence then

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Whenaine he would haue spake, leaſt he ſhould diſcouer himſelfe. Adellena ſeeing ſhe had diſquieted Artesia, being herſelfe full of griefe, and unwilling to bidge her any further, departed. And Artesia withdrawing her ſelfe from Syluians company, into an Arbour, vttered theſe ſpeeches: And can it be, that Ornatus loue was ſo great, that for my ſake he hath done this? Could he loue her ſo conſtantly, that was her profeſſed enemye is loue of ſuch a force, to draw one into theſe extreames? When may I compare it to the hearbe Artas, found in Perſia, which being but holden in the hand, cauſeth a heat throughout all the body: ſo loue, but entertained in thought, diſquieteth all the ſenſes. But why doe I conceine ſo well of Ornatus, when I know not the truth of Adellenas report: it may be, he hath hired her to doe this, and thereby I may be deceiued, yeelding to pittie when there is no cauſe, and with the Bird Akanthus, ready to come at euery call. Admit it were ſo, I am not bound to fauour him: is he not my enemy, and ſon to my Fathers chiefeſt foe? What reaſon then haue I either to giue credit to his loue, or her proteſtation, when both may be fained? Well, I will be aduiſed; beſore I yeeld my ſelfe to lones intangling bates, and beſore I loue, I will know whom I loue. I, but Artesia the fancy yeeldeth remoys already, and the conſcience bids thee pittie him, becauſe he loneth thee, for loue in a reputed enemy, may be as conſtant and loyall as an open friend, and an enemy becomming a friend, will be the moze conſtant: then what haſt thou to doe but make further prooſe of his conſtancy, and finding him true, yeeld reward to his deſert: ſoft Artesia, waite not too farre: if he be conſtant, if he be loyall, if he loue thee ſo intirely, yet now thou haſt made him forſake this country, or procure his vntimely death, then there is nothing elſe to be done for thee, but to pittie his death, and accuſe thy ſelfe of ſome diſcourteſſe. All this while, Ornatus ſhadowing himſelfe from her ſight, by the thickeſſe of the greene leaues, heard her ſpeeches, to his exceeding comfort, and againe cloſely withdrawing himſelfe. Artesia hauing ended her ſpeeches, her hart being oppreſſed with many doubts, aroſe and came to Syluian, to whom ſhe ſaid: My minde is much troubled with the newes

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Adellena told him of Ornatus absence, whom, say that you know not, I will tell you what he saith.

There dwelleth not farre hence one Alinus, that mortally hateth my father, and all that belong unto him, whose sonne Ornatus was; whom if I should commend, you might thinke me too cruell to refuse his loue so unkindly, only thus much I will say of him, he was every way worthy to be beloved, though my father could neuer be as true to him as he was to me: upon what occasion I know not, but an Adellena told mee, made his loue knowne to her, which she likewise told me of: but I refusing to heare her, answered her plainly, that I was greatly offended with her, for making any such motion, and so bad her for ever to speake of him againe. But now this day you haue heard what she hath told me, which I can hardly helpe to be true, so that Ornatus would be so rash without wisdome to enter into such extreames. But if it be so (as I would it were not) it grieueth me for him, and I wish that I had not refused to heare his suite, though I am not willing to yield thereto: for I would not haue it said of me, nor my name so much blazed, that my cruelty procured him to that extremity, though his wisdome might haue softened such mischief, and he made moderately haue tempered his loue.

Ornatus taking occasion, said: I neither know the Gentleman, nor how constant his loue was, but thus much my mind perswadeth me, that had not his loue bin great, he would not haue griued so much at your unkindnesse: but loue is of this force, that it turneth the mind into extreames, as utterly breaketh the heart; which force belike it had in him, else would he not haue done himselfe so much harme. But it may be (as you say) Ornatus hath not done himselfe outrage, but only abandoning company, liueth in despaire: & so meaneth to dye: which if it be so, then in my fancy, you might doe well to let him by some meanes vnderstand that you did pittie him. Stay there, quoth Artesia, you must first know, whether I can doe it, or no: for if I should say, I pittie with my lips, and he not find it so, it would drive him to more despaire: and therefore I will leaue off to doe that, untill I can finde whether I can do so, or no,

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These her speeches wane Ornatus into a perplexed doubt, what to thinke, being no way assured of her love, nor yet utterly despairing thereof, for that her speeches gave likelihood of both. Therefore he durst not speake too boldly, least she should suspect him, but onely rested in good hope to finde comfort, and by other meanes to try her.

There taking his lute, he began to play so sweetly, as would haue ravisht a comfortlesse minde, with great content: to heare which Harmonie, pleased Artesia so well, that when he left, she would request him, calling him Sylvian, to play againe. Whilest he late playing, Artesia sitting close by his side, fell fast asleepe: which he perceiuing, left off his play, and surfet himselfe with beholding her sweete beautie, in which he tooke such delight, as almost ravisht his senses; sometimes thinking, whilest she slept, to imprint a kisse upon her sweet ruddie Lippe; but fearing thereby to wake her, and lose that delightfull contemplation, he desisted: beholding each part of her visible forme, which was most diuine, his minde was affected with inward suppose, what perfection her hidden beauties did comprehend, which his fancy perswaded him, he did in conceit absolutely contemplate. When seeing her stirre, he suddenly catcht his lute againe, striking his sweete notes, to continue her in that slumber, and then againe saying by the same, to enter into his former contemplation: Comparing his delight to exceed all heauenly joy; and wishing, though Artesia could not loue him, yet that she would alwayes grant him so to behold her.

When he had a good while continued in these speculations, Artesia awoke, which somewhat grieved him; but when he beheld her beauntious eyes fixed vpon him, he thought himselfe enriched with a heauenly happinesse: To whom Artesia sayd: I thanke thee, good Sylvian: for thy sweet musicke hath somewhat eased my heart, by this quiet sleepe. O, what content doe they enjoy, that live free of care: and how happy was I, before I heard Ornatus name: With that, she arose, and they together went in: when night approached, (which Ornatus thought too late come, for by that, he must

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lose Artesiaes sight) every one betooke themselves to their seuerall Lodgings.

Ornatus, studying what meanes to be, to further his loue, wherein he found many difficulties: sometimes, in thinking Artesia was in hope neuer to heare of him againe; and sometimes supposing she did pittie him with. And being overcome contrarieties of doubts, he uttered these complaints:

What should I doe to procure my Content: when my Series are one way great, and my Joyes as exceeding; when my Despaire exceedeth, and yet my Comfort aboundeth: I enjoy Artesiaes loue, yet she loneth me not; I enjoy her sight, and yet not her sight: I haue as much Comfort, as shee me with Joy, and yet I am desperat with despaire. How can that be: she loneth me as I am Syluius, but hateth me, because she loneth not Ornatus: Under the Name of Syluius, I enjoy her sight, but not as Ornatus, and so am I deprived of her sight: I reape exceeding comfort by beholding her Beauty; but I lue in despaire, that she would shun mee, if she knew what I were. Though I enjoy many things, by being Syluius, yet I am deprived of all comfort, as being Ornatus: For she deemed him either dead, or dead, hauing no hope ether to see him: and if I should shew any signe that he were liuing, or nere, she would presently eschew my company: which, being as I am, I may enjoy. And thus am I voyd of all meanes of attayning her loue; yet liuing as I am, I shall still enjoy her loue.

Why Ornatus, thou hast better meanes to giue her knowledge of thy loue in this Disguise, then if thou liuedst as Ornatus. Suppose thou shouldst make knowne to her what thou art, thinkest thou she would betray thee, considering thou offeredst no other behauiour towards her, then that which agreeth with Vertue: Or what if she did betray thee: wert thou not better to endure the greatest extremitie by her done, then pine away with griefe, in her absence: Yes Ornatus, in being as thou art, thou art more happy, and therefore mayest thou be in some better hope of comfort. What if she will not loue thee: yet for thy good-will she cannot hate thee: And though

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though she know what thou art, she will rather conceale that, then bewray that. When try whether she loueth that, or no: but how? Make my selfe knowne? No: I will write a Letter, which I will leane in some place, where she may finde it, and by that meanes I shall see whether she will loue, or no. And taking Penne, Inke, and Paper, he wrote as followeth:

*To the most vertuous Artesia, the forsaken
Ornatuſ sendeth humble
greetings.*

VVEre you but so mercifull as fayre, I would not despayre of pittie: Or were you willing to know my truth and loyaltie, you would, though not yeeld to my Suite, yet pitie me. I cannot vse protestations, nor dissemble griefe: but be you most assured, that what proceedeth out at my lips, commeth from my heart. Extremity maketh me ouer-bold, and Despaire maketh me more desperate, in vttering my minde: I cannot chuse but say, I loue you, for that I loue indeede. I cannot set forth my loue with filed tearmes; but in plaine truth protest, that my loue is constant, loyall, vertuous, and immoueable: and though you hate, I must loue; and though you for euer deny to loue, yet will I persist in constancie for the worst I can endure, is Death; and that my Soule alreadie inwardly feeleth. I haue forsaken my Parents, Friends, and all, to become acceptable to you: For whilest I was *Allius* sonne, you did hate me; then, I beseech you, now that I am not *Allius* sonne, nor *Ornatuſ*, pittie mee: For without your pittie, I die, and little can my death profit you, but letting me liue, you shall for euer enioy a faithfull seruant. So, most vertuous *Artesia*, I commit my cause to your wise consideration.

*Tours inseparably, neither Ornatuſ, nor
himselfe, but your poore
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When he had written this Letter, and sealed the same, the next morning he layd it in a place of the Garden, where he knew Artelia would walke: And from thence, coming to her Chamber, he found her ready to goe forth.

Artelia welcomed Syluan kindly, and shortly they went together, and walking vp and downe a pretty while, Artelia espied the white Paper, and desirous to see what it was, tooke it vp, reading the Superscription, maruelling what the Contents should be, and how it should come there: and turning to Syluan, said: See you this Letter, it is directed to me, I maruell how it should come here, vnlesse it were laid of purpose: well, howsoeuer that was, I will reade the Contents, and you shall be partaker of them. When she had reade the same, and well vnderstood, that it was Ornatus, at the first, she was so exceedingly vexed, that she said: I now perceiue, that Ornatus was wiser then I tooke him to be; for I see he hath committed no outrage vpon himselfe, but wisely will cry me first: and if I will not yeld to loue him, what will he doe: Herry, returne to his Father againe. This is Adellenas doing, and according as I thought, they are agreed; she left this Letter here, and her I may blame, and not him: for did not she promise him to doe it, he would neuer of himselfe attempt it. Syluan I pray thee counsell me what I should doe herein, for my heart is oppressed with many thoughts, that I will not utter, untill I know thy minde.

Syluan thus answered: Since you haue giuen me licence to speake that which my heart thinketh: first I say, if Ornatus loueth according as he protesteth, as no doubt he doth, you haue good reason to pittie him, for that by your owne report, he is euery way worthy thereof: which if you doe, you shall be sure of a constant friend, preserve his Life, and make vnitie betwixt your Parents. As for Adellena, if it were her deede, she did but the part of a friend: but it was very vnlutely, for that she was not here since yesterday. Neyther can I thinke any man can dissemble so much, as to make these protestations, and yet be false: for his wordes, in my fancie, beare an euident likelyhood of truth. Therefore,
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if I may counsell you, yeld to that which is best, and in so doing, you shall purchase your owne good, his content, and perpetual quiet to both your families.

Would you haue me then (quoth she) yeld to lone mine Enemy: how is he your enemy (quoth Sylvian) when he loneth you: he is mine enemy, because his father hateth me: how can he lone me: Nay rather (quoth Sylvian) his father not louing you, how can he chuse but lone you, because he seeth them hate you, that are worthy to be beloued: besides, their hatred being vnjust, it helpeth his vertue the more, to lone those his parents hate: and it is commonly seene, where there is hatred betwixt the Parents, the children haue loued most dearly, as in common experience it is seene: haue you not read the Histories of Pyramus and Thisby, Romeo and Iuliet, and many other, whose lone was the more constant, by so much the more their Parents hatred was deadly.

I remember such Histories (quoth Artesia) but what was the end of their lone: was it not most miserable: I grant it was (quoth Sylvian) which was procured by their Parents cruelty, but not their lone, wherein notwithstanding they took such felicity, that they rather chose to be together, then to be parted: which argueth, that the contrary to their Parents, cannot breake off lone betwixt son and daughter: Yet might such tragick events haue beene prevented by better dome. But how know I (sayd Artesia) whether Ornatus lone be so constant, or no: Can you haue any greater proofe thereof, then his owne Letters, the forsaking of his Parents, and liuing peraduenture in person: But if you doubt of that, once againe try him. I will (sayd Artesia) I will try him, but I will counsell, but instead thereof, thou shalt see persuasion: but seeing thou art so forward to see me, which I hope is the intent, if thou wilt heare my counsell, thou shalt know both my mind, and what I intend. I agree your selfe (quoth Sylvian) I will without lose my life, then praeue vnfaithfull. Then said she, I confesse the Sylvian, that lone hath made entrance into my heart, that I would willingly both miste Ornatus, and grant him his heart.

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for that with often remembering him, I cannot forget him, neither doth any thought please me, but when I think of him. But there are so many slips to hinder our love, that though I love him, I shall never know him. For should my Parents know thereof, they would put us warily into my actions, that it were impossible for me once to have a sight of him, whom I do scarce remember, I have so seldom seen him. You may (quoth Sylvian) both love him, and enjoy him; and once you have begunne to like of him, he being too thy thetest, and equalling you in affection, increase that love, and might I but once come to speak with him, I would not doubt but utter all things with such sincerity, that you should with quiet enjoy him.

Well, quoth Artesia, I commit all to you, my life, for that dependeth on my love, being willing to doe any thing that shall not disagree with modesty. Desiring you to keepe my counsels secret; for to betray them, may endanger both his and my life,

After many other speeches past betwixt them, Adellena entered the Garden. Artesia sitting her, at the first thus greeted her. Welcome, quoth Adellena, I know not whether I may salute thee as a friend, or a party foe, for that by thy meanes I am brought into bondage.

I pray thee tell me without dissimulation (which I dare me thou canst doe for well) what thou taldest Ornatius; and yet I know thy answer before I aske. Dost thou not know this Rector; dost thou not live in this Garden, that I might finde him? Ornatius he is that to say, that he was separated from his father, whilke he lived at home in the house: I know thy answer will be, no, but how may I believe that? Dost thou not live with the Rector, when thou knowest all the contrary, and dost yet dissimulate? If thou harborst any secret in this, tell me the truth, and I will be content, but in doing so, thou shalt greatly content me, discharge thy conscience, and peradventure see Ornatius a good while.

Adellena hearing her speeches, was so greatly amazed, that

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Strangenesse, that so; a good while she stood as one sencelesse but at the last she made this answer: Your demands are such, as that I know not how to answer them; but heavens punish me, if I dissemble: I saw not Ornatus, since the time he came to me, to know how you accepted the Letter I conveyed into your Casket. For that Letter, I am altogether ignorant therein, neither did I ever see the same before now: I neuer spake with Ornatus, saw Ornatus, or heard from him, since I last gave him your answer; neither do I know where he is: but this I know, that he is not to be found, but poore Gentleman, languisheth in lone, which I dare protest loneth you most dearly: neither neede you misdoubt, that hee is absent, or thinke that hee is hidden at my house; for it is too true, he hath taken such griefe at your unkindnesse, as will I feare me, indanger his life.

I would it were not so, but that he were at my house; then would I counsell him rather to forget to loue, then indanger his life thereby.

May I beleue (quoth Artesia) that this thou sayest is true? Heavens let me lye no longer (quoth Adellena) if I dissemble. Then (quoth Artesia) how should this Letter be conveyed into this Garden, but by himselfe: With that, the Crye of teares fell from her eyes.

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How Ornatus loue was hindered by the newes of *Arbasins* death. How *Floresus*, to attaine *Syluians* loue, both confessed hee slew *Arbasins*, and intended to poyson *Artesia*.



Dangerment Artesias feares, a Messenger hastily running, came in, and brought this newes, uttering the same with a gaskie countenance.

O Artesia, heare my tragicke discourse; your father as you know rode forth this morning to chase the fearfull *Dere*, who wandring from his company,

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pany, at last by his long stay was mist, and all of his coming together, studied amongst our selues, what should become of him: at last we were commanded by Floretus your vncle to post severall wayes in search of him; whom at last we found most grievously wounded, and dead. Artessa hearing his words, with subdaine griefe fell downe dead. Which when Syluius perceined, caught her in his armes, rubbing her pale cheekes untill she was revived againe. When they conueyed her to her Bed, in such extremity with that subdaine griefe, that they feared to lose her life; which exceedingly tormented Syluius to behold. When was there such an uprore in Arbastus house, as all seemed in bitter despaire, one conjecturing this, another that, of Arbastus death: but all in generall, concluding, that it was done by Allinus, in reuenge of his brothers death.

Arbastus wife likewise conceived such sorrow at this unexpected euent, that with verie griefe thereof she dyed. Artessa with both together, was ready to yeeld up her last breath; and had done so, had she not bene carefully preserved by Syluius, and Adellena: Who by their counsels and inuentiours, pacified the extremity of her perplexity. This newes was soon spread into most places of the country: but because there was no iust proofe of the murtherer, there was no great question made thereof. Arbastus having neuer a trusty friend to prosecute reuenge, Floretus now tooke vpon him to rule and gouerne all that belonged to Arbastus, as his brother, and caused him and his Lady to be worthily interred, and built a sumptuous Monument in their remembrance. Which being ouer-past, he came againe to Artessa, (as in the meane time he had oftentimes done) and finding her very weake, vied many speeches to comfort her, giuing such as were about her speciall charge, to minister all things necessarie, to restore her to her former health: seeming to be most carefull of her Guard, promising and protesting to be vnto her in stead of a father.

Syluius all this while was exceedingly grieved in minde, to see his Lane growne so weake, and in such danger of her life:

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not once forsaking her in all the time of her sickness, but continually comforting her with hearty speeches, and carefull attendance; not so much as once departing her Chamber, but taking exceeding paines to pleasure her: that shee took great comfort in her supposed Syluiam; who oftentimes would steale a sweete kisse from Artesias lips: which she permitted, taking the same to proceed from a courteous minde, when Syluiam did it of deepe affection; accounting the estate wherein he liued, to exceed all joyes, and his delight past compare: proffering many familiarities, that Artesia took in kinde part, which other wise she should haue refused, had she knowne whome her Companion Syluiam had bene.

Ornatu marvelled; that all this time the spake not of him: which he desired to dye her to doe, by many occasions; but these Extremities had banished all remembrance of him out of her minde, which exceedingly tormented Ornatu; fearing, this delay would some way turne to his ill: That whereas before time he was pleasant, and merry, and oftentimes would moue Artesia to mirth by his discourse; now that humour was alienated, and he became continually melancholly, and sad; oftentimes, when Artesia was from him, getting into a solitary place, to bewaile his hard fate, which he noted, and wondered at, thinking the same had proceeded from being so long absent from his Countrey and friends. One day she found her deuiued Syluiam solitary alone, and humming vnauwares, heard her utter these words: Oh, how unhappy am I, to loue, and not to be beloued! Syluiam espying her left off, to whom Artesia said thus.

Why hold you Syluiam, are you in loue? Can it be, that your Minde is affainted with that venemous Serpent, that paysoneth the Venues, altereth the Complexion, troubleth the Head and Heart: Shake it off, and cast it out of your sight: for it neuer did any good, but hath brought many to perpetuall miserie.

Since you haue ouer-heard mee (quoth Syluiam) I must needs confesse I am in loue, which doth not any way worke

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any such effect in me, as you speake of: but I take all comfort therein; my senses, heart, head and all my parts, take exceeding pleasure therein. Why then (quoth Artesia) sit you thus pensively alone, as it seemeth to me bewailing your estate to be in love? I doe not (quoth Sylvian) sorrow that I am in love, but that I am not beloved againe: for being in love, I have vowed to live so ever; and sooner shall my life decay, then forget my love: for with my love, my life shall end. What hard-hearted man (said Artesia) is he, that knowing you love him will not love you againe? Such is my heard estate (said Sylvian) that the party whom I love, knoweth I love, and yet causelesly doth hate me: neyther am I farre absent from him, but enjoy his company; without which, my life would decay. Is he in this house, you love? Can it be, you are intangled since you came hither? No (quoth Sylvian) I loved before I came hither. How can it be: when you are a stranger, and cast in this Country by shipwrecke: eyther you must needs be some other then we take you for, otherwise these things are impossible. What if you dare put trust in my secrecie, impart your mirth to me, and I promise you I will doe the best I can to further your love. You may doe much therein (quoth Sylvian) and none more then your selfe: but I beseech you, pardon me so, revealing the same, before you assure me of one thing which you may say without any harme to your selfe, and be not offended with me, if I aske you. Tell me what it is (quoth she) and I will answer you. Then (said Sylvian) I would first know whether you love Orinax, or no? With that she started, saying: Ah me, that phrase bringeth death to my heart, and thou woundest my soule with griefe, to heare him named: Dost thou thinke I have cause to love, and not rather above all men to hate him? Dost thou not see my Father lately murdered by him, or some by his appointment, and thinkest thou I can love so deadly a foe, by whom I am brought to this miserie? No, assure thy selfe Sylvian, according as I have iust cause, I doe hate him, as the greatest enemy I have: whose very name affrighteth me with terror: and if thou hast loved me, as I was perswaded thou didst, thou

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thou wouldst not haue troubled my heart with that ominous
 flame. And yet, for all this Pischeife that he hath done me,
 wilt thou not see how he liued for my loue, and had so much
 pained, that my heart began to yeelde to his suite: With
 that, she pulled out of her Pocket the Letter, saying, These
 Lines, the fruits of his dissimulation, were adozs in his Vil-
 lanie: both that, she tore them into a thousand pices.

Sylvian seeing the same, was ready to swoone with griefe,
 and breathing forth a heart burning sigh, said: Whom is poore
 Innocence suspected! And being ready to say more, was dis-
 appointed by Florentus coming, whoe then then entered the
 Garden: and finding them cut, used many courteous speeches
 to them both, especially comforting Artesia, to whom he said:
 Deare Cousin, since these mis-haps cannot be remedied, let
 wisdom now direct thy waye your passionate sorrow, and with
 patience remit all further griefe; for things past cure, are not
 to be lamented: but now commit the care of your safety to
 my trust in me, that will as tenderly regard your good, as mine
 owne life. Wherefore be of comfort, and what matter you de-
 sire, shall be to the uttermost accomplished. Artesia yielded
 him many thanks: and so they went in.

Artesia being alone by herselfe, could by no meanes forget
 what she had with Sylvian: yet thinking the sin
 venial, by what other then the same, of else, that she
 was in love with Florentus. When she remembered her speeches
 saying, Whom is Innocence suspected! which she knew she
 spoke, by her accusing of Ornatus, which haue her into many
 vniuersall Cogitations, and troubled her senses exceedingly:
 but by reason of her little suspect of Syluians Disguise, she
 considered nothing thereof. Sylvian likewise not daring
 to offend her, and loving her so dearly, that he could not
 stand to see her disquieted, did as more speeches tending to
 loue, but frequenting her company, wherein he took his whole
 solace, accounting himselfe most happy, to line and end her
 sweet presence, being out of hope to attaine her loue, refresh-
 ing his heart with many solaces of sweet delight in beholding
 that which she little thought he had noted.

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Four daies continued Sylvian in this Disguise: in which time, Arbasus death was almost forgotten: And Florentus, drawn by Sylvians manifold Merits, began exceedingly to affect her, being such kinde behaviour towards her, that she suspected that, which afterwards she found untrue. For Florentus concealing his love, felt the same to burne the more inwardly, and living in that scorching Venurie, thought it better for him to manifest his love, then by hiding the same, augment his torment: assuring himselfe, to obtaine his desire, for that Sylvian was a stranger, farre from friends, and without his friendship, likely to come to Quertie: which he thought would be meanes of importance, to draw her to like of him: Besides, he thought that he might see as he list with Arnesia, for that she was onely in his sight. And one day, finding Sylvian alone in the Garden, coming to her with a submisive behaviour, he said as followeth:

O Sylvian, I would gladly offer a matter of advantage, if you will purchase me gentle audience: for it is faire Damocell, that my heart both long time bene enthralled to your Beauty, which I have restrained to offer, fearing to be refused: but know you how faithfully my heart is devoted to your service, and with what torment I have concealed the same, you know me. Ever this is my gentle motion, that you will be so good, to receive me: for I have long time lived with you in contentment, and being so faithful and constant a friend, as no torment nor affliction shall alter. Therefore I beseech you, let me receive some benefit from you, your gentle speech, which shall expell many cares from my heart.

The answer is, that still to be honest and just, Sylvian had much ado to abstaine from smiling, to thinke how doubt he was to give such a regard as Florentus presented: but considering further consideration thereof, feeling more contentment, than his former discontent, and unwilling to entertaine him, considering how farre I am from my country, and how some of my hands, which I will not give, but to my selfe, may

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may liue so quietly as since my coming I haue done, I shall thinke my selfe moze beholding to you for that, then for your proffered loue, which I cannot yeld unto. Floretus thinking her soft answer was a signe she would some yeld, still prosecuted his suit with earnestnesse; in so much, that Syluius told him, that as yet he could not fancy him, because she had not tryed all of him, but that she would consider further thereof. And so for that time they parted.

Floretus in hope to attaine that which was not to be had, and Syluius in hope by this meanes the sooner to attaine Artesias loue. First, considering that Floretus had the disposing of her, and therefore he must please him, least otherwise he might be depriued of her company: Then he began to thinke of Arbastus murder, knowing assuredly, that it was not acted by his fathers counsell, but rather by some secret foe, that might as well be Floretus as any other, for that he was the next Heire, if Artesia hindered him not: which conceit took such effectuall instance in his fancy, that with that his suspect, comparing Floretus behaviour, countenance, and little enquiry for the Murderer, he plainly suspected him; which by the Diuine Providence, rather then by any evident prooue, was stirred in his opinion. Such murder is neuer vntelealed, and though neuer so closely done, yet God by some extraordinary meanes or other revealeth the same. So came it to passe with Ornatus, although he was no way prying to any such act, or had any probability thereof, yet he thought that Floretus countenance betrayed his treachery, and therefore he longed to haue some conference with him, to see if he could gather the truth, whereby hee thought both to discharge himselfe of that suspect Artesia had of him, and also when we saw his innocency and constancy, shee might yeld to loue him; purposing to leaue no meanes vnattempted to try him: which he did the next time he spake with him, in this sort.

Early the next Morning, Floretus not vnmindfull of his loue, which kept him from his sleape that night, neuer left till he had found Syluius, and coming to her with manifold sub-

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misse speeches, solicited his saite: whom Sylvian cunningly
 handled, still putting him in hope, and yet making him no pro-
 mise, which set him the more on fire, being so farre ouergone
 with affection, that he purposely determined either to winne
 her loue, to hazard his owne life, and to leaue no meanes what-
 tempted, were it neuer so dangerous, to procure his owne con-
 tent: That the more vntwilling he saw Sylvian, the more im-
 portunate he grew. Till at last Sylvian said as followeth: Flo-
 retus, I know no reason you haue to be so importunate, when
 I see in you no token of fidelity: but once hauing attained
 your purpose, you will esteeme me as lightly as easily wonne:
 Besides, I see not how you can performe any such matter as
 you promise, for I being in a strange country, haue nothing,
 and you for ought I see, as little: then, by matching with you
 I shall but bring my selfe to pouerty, and miserie, and then
 your loue now so hot, will be as colde, and I as rejected, left off
 to bitter misery. Floretus not suffering her to procede any far-
 ther, made this answer: Sylvian, doe you not see Arbastus
 wealth, will not that be sufficient: the great possessions I now
 enjoy by him, are of substance to maintaine you in all quiet,
 and yeld you your hearts content. Arbastus wealth said Syl-
 vian, that is Artesias by right, then how can you possesse the
 same, she liuing: Doe but graunt me loue said he, and I will
 quickly satisfie you in that: I haue a meane to get all into
 mine owne hands; and therefore I beseech you, let no such
 matter trouble your minde: but be assured, that in inioyn-
 ing me, you shall haue all happines and quiet, by my humble, duti-
 full, and constant loyalty. Doe but assure me of this (quoth
 Sylvian) and you shall know my resolution afterwards.

Artesia entring the chamber, brake off their speeches, whose
 presence bred Floretus at the heart, being scarce able to
 speake, by reason of his inward rancor: so, inoade he hated
 Artesia, because she onely kept him from possessing his bro-
 thers liuing, the want whereof, kept him from attaining Syl-
 vians loue: therefore he resolved by some meanes to worke
 her downefall; which within short time he acquainted Syl-
 vian withall by this occasion,

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One day finding her alone in a secret place in the garden, after many speeches past betwixt them; whereby he perceiued, the chiefest thing that hinderd him was his want of wealth, and after that Syluius had in some sort made him a grant (only to try him) he began to utter his full intent in this sort: My deare Syluius, I am so well per-suaded of your vertue, and put such confidence in your truthnesse, that I will reueale to you the very depth and secrets of my heart, would you but sweare to keepe my counsell: for to purchase your content, I haue determined to put in practise a matter of secrecie, which concerneth my life to be reuealed.

Syluius hearing that, thought it better to sweare a thousand oathes, and breake them all, then by nicenesse to endanger the life of Artesia, which she supposed he aymed at; promised him by many protestations, to keepe secret whatsoeuer he told her: whereupon Floretus, brged with hope to win her lone, and emboldened in mischief, cared not what he did to attaine his wil, said, as followeth: Syluius, you see Arbastus is dead, which was one stop that kept me from inioying great possessions, and my purpose is, so you will but vouchsafe to aide me therein, to be lord of Artesia: & then all that belongeth vnto her by her fathers death, shall be yours to dispose of. Syluius heart throbbed to heare his speeches, but determining to list him to the full, id as followeth: Floretus I am sure you speake this onely to try me, and so to trap me, and not of any intent you haue to persewme the same, wherein you shall doe me great wrong, & your selfe no good: for I cannot beleue you beare the least thought to do it. By heauen (quoth he) it is my full intent; & for that you may be assured thereof, it was I that slew Arbastus, howsoeuer the matter is imputed to Allinus, and purpose likewise to be rid of Artesia, onely for your sake.

Therefore make no doubt of my resolution: for I am absolutely purposed to doe it. (thought Syluius) rather shall thou see my blood, then spill one drop of hers. Why Floretus would you haue me doe any thing therein? You onely may doe it (quoth he) with moze safety then any other, and the manner how, is this.

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Within some mile from this Castle, Arbastus hath a banquetting house in his Parke, where oftentimes he would for his recreation lye, whether I will perswade Artesia to goe for a season, to take the ayre, and to recreate her senses, dulled with griefe; and none but you to keepe her company, and some two servants, whose trustinesse I am assured of. This done, I will get a drinke to be made, the force wherof, shall expel life, and yet by no meanes nor any cunning or skill be found out, which when you shall thinke convenient, giue unto her: and being once dead, who shall make any enquiry, but that she died a naturall sickness: and so this matter may without the least suspition be effected: and then you shall be mistresse both of her heritage, and my selfe. Sylvian said, when shall this be put in practise? Within these two dayes at the farthest, said he: in the meane time, frequent you Artesias company, in such familiar sort as heretofore you haue done, and my selfe will vse her with no lesse kindnesse. Many other speeches being past betwixt them at that time, they parted.

CHAP. VII

How Ornatus told Artesia of Floretus intent, and vpon what occasion he discovered himselfe.



Floretus being by himselfe, began to consider how rashly he had committed his secrets to Sylvian; entring into these meditations: Doth Sylvian thinke that my pollicie exceedeth not her shallow capacity; poore simple stranger, she hath undertaken a matter of importance for me, that means nothing lesse then goodwill to her: she, for my loue, hath promised to poison Artesia, and is likely, for that once done, to taste the same sauer: for I haue loved her me neuer so well, I will not trust her with my life: but peradventure she hateth me, and will reueale my drift to Artesia. No Floretus, thou art deceiued, there is so farre in loue,

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loue, that she doeth, and would, I am sure, doe any thing at my request. What a world is this? What villain can be intended, that some either for fauour or reward will not excuse? If I should trust her, that is so easily wonne to doe such a haynous deed, might I not be accounted madde? Yes; and therefore I will not trust her: but Artesia being once dispatcht, she shall follow next.

Ornatus on the contrary part, was glad that he had felt the depth of Floretus counsell, thinking likewise, that he was so farre in loue with him (taking him for a woman) that for his sake he sought Artesiaes death; which was the only means to helpe him attaine her loue: which he likewise determined to giue her knowledge of, and discouer himselfe; hoping, that when she saw his innocencie, his faithfull loue, and how by his meanes her life was preserued, she would yeeld him due guerdon for his good will. Whilist he was in the depth of these Cogitations, he espied Artesia enter the Garden; and taking his Lute, found her seated vpon a flowerie Banke, vnder the shade of a Myrtle tree, and perceiuing that she was somewhat heauily inclined, he sat downe by her, and with his sweet melodie brought her a sleepe: when she had slept a good while, being exceedingly affrighted with a Dreame, she started vp, looking earnestly vpon Sylvian, saying; I pray thee Sylvian doe not poyson me. Sylvian seeing her so affrighted, was exceedingly amazed, and she her selfe, not yet fully recovered, seemed to be afraid of him: till at last Sylvian said; I beseech you, what is it that affrighteth you? O Sylvian, said she, I dreamt thou wouldest haue murdered me. Heauenis forbid (quoth he) that I should attempt so haynous a deed: But would you vouchsafe to heare my tragicke report, you should be rid of that doubt, though Sylvian is much tempted to doe such a deed; who esteemes your life more dearer then mine owne, and would rather with mine owne hands teare out my woefull heart, then think the least thought to wrong you. But because I haue so fit occasion, and I hope your patience will permit me, I will rehearse a most monstrous and haynous intended mischief. The other day, I remember you were

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exceedingly offended with me, for naming Ornatus, for that you supposed him to be an actor in Arbastus death: but both he and Allinus are innocent, and farre from any such thought, for your Uncle Floretus was his murtherer, which he tolde me himselfe. He hath bene oftentimes importunate to win my love (which another possesseth) but I suspecting as much as I now finde to be true, held him off with this delay, That he had not wealth to maintaine me: Which when I had often alledged, he tolde me, all that belonged to Arbastus, was his. Then I demanded how that could be, since you were living: Quoth he, sweare but to be secret, and I will tell you how: With that upon my protestations, he told me that he had murdered Arbastus, and meant to poison you; perswading me to consent thereto, for that he said I onely could doe it. With that, I (not purposing to doe it, but to preserve you) promised him my uttermost assistance: which he tolde me should be done in this manner: I will (quoth he) perswade Artesia to forsake this Castle, and to iourne some few dayes in a House Arbastus hath in his Parke, where none but you and two other servants, whose secretie I nothing doubt shall keepe her company, where I will giue you such a portion, as shall end her life, and yet by no meanes be perceiued: neyther can there be any doubt thereof, for that I, and none else, am left of her, kindred, to search the truth. This is the summe of that he told me.

Artesia hearing her words, sate like one without sence a good space, being so farre overcome with griefe and fear, that she could not speake a word, but at the last she burst forth into these lamentations: Aye me, unkinde and most unnaturall Uncle, canst thou speake me so faire, and intend me so much harme? Who would haue thought so soule impiety had bene shrouded vnder so faire pretext? Couldst thou be so unnatural, as to murther thy owne most naturall, loving, and deare Brother, and not contented with his Tragedie, to seeke my untimely death? What frenzie or folly doth possesse thy best, that I esteemed replete with vertue? How canst thou suffer so impious and haynous a thought to sinke into thy best, much lesse

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lesse to act such a notorious Outrage against him that loved
 thee as his life, and her that honoureth thee as her friend? O
 Sylvian, may I credit thy words, and not rather accuse thee,
 and excuse him? May I thinke him so simple, to trust thee
 with his secrets? No: I feare me this is some policy invented
 by thee to some bad end. Yet I pray thee pardon me: for what
 canst thou get by telling me so, but lesse it were so? or not ra-
 ther haue kept his counsaile, and then thou mightest haue been
 my Heyre. And pardon I aske of thee, good Ornatus, though
 thou art absent, for that I accused thee as accessarie to my Fa-
 thers death, when thou art innocent. With that, a flood of
 teares stoppt the passage of her speech: and Sylvian said, Artesia
 get vouchsafe to heare my counsell, which shall pzenet all these
 eminent euils. You may peradventure make some doubt of
 the truth of that which I haue spoken: but I take Heauen to
 record, no word is false; for I regard your good aboue all things,
 and your quiet aboue mine owne content: for should you dye,
 I could not liue, for by that I dzaw my bzeath. I diued into
 Floretus counsailes, not to ayde him, but to pzeuent them; for
 that I knew Ornatus was no way guilty of any such treason,
 but would haue ventured his owne life, to haue preferred your
 Fathers, whom he both loued & honoured as himself, of whom
 I could haue told you more, but that feating to offend you, and
 partly seeing how vehemently you accused him, I durst not;
 whose leue is loyall, and therefore I will pathe me my life. Sylvian
 (quoth Artesia thou tellest me things of wonder: but especi-
 ally that thou art so priuie to Ornatus thoughts, and that thou
 darest so boldly affirme he loueth me, when thou mayst be de-
 ceiued. Most vertuous Artesia (quoth he) were you but so pri-
 uie to y thoughts of his heart as I am, you would say as much
 as I, & beleene all that I tel you: and to put you in assurance of
 what I know, I giue you knowledge that I am Ornatus, y in
 this disguise haue sought to attaine your loue: for which bold-
 nesse, I most humbly desire you to pardon me. With that, a
 ruddie blush spzed it selfe in Artesias cheekes, before pale with
 feare, being so ashamed he had bin so priuie to many of her ac-
 tions, that she could not tell with what countenance to behold
 him.

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Then Ornatus saith, I beseech you pittie my torment, which hath wged me to this boldnesse, being frustrated of other meanes to enjoy your presence: my meaning being no other then vertuous, but resting at your mercifull disposition: desiring you to put assured confidence in me, for preventing Florinus intent: which you need not doubt of, for to my griefe I know it to be too true.

Artelia marvelled exceedingly at the strangenesse of these speeches: but most of all, admired Ornatus himselfe: which she could not tell how to reiect, for that she both well knew he deserved love, and the necessity of time was such, that her safety rested in his secretis: yet being not willing at that instant to yield, without further assault, said: I know not what name to call you, when neither I know whether you are Sylvian, or Ornatus: but which of both, your words beare great shew of true friendship, which I feare me is not grounded in your heart neither doe I greatly care: for since my Uncle seeketh my life, let him take it, for I am weary thereof.

Let not your gentle heart (quoth Ornatus) make any doubt that I am Ornatus, though my counterfett disguise both shew me other: but either bouchsafe me love, or give me leave to die for Artelia: for that Potion that should dispatch you, shall end my life: for my life is bound to your command, and all my felicity resteth in your favour: Which unlesse you grant, my life without the same will be but short, and the time I have to live, and endlesse labyrinth of sorrow.

Adellona by occasion entred the Garden, and found Artelia weeping, and Sylvian in a heavy dumpe, ready to torment himselfe, to see her sorrow. But Artelia spying her, said, Adellona, dost thou love Ornatus so much, as that thou wouldest hazard Life and Credit to doe him good, for that I know him to be a most vertuous and honest Gentleman: I, but wouldst thou (quoth she) keepe my counsaile, if I reveale a secret of importance to you concerning Ornatus? And upon Adellenas promise, she saith: Doe you know Ornatus, if you see him? Behold there he is. Adellona was at the first halfe astonisht at her speeches: but at last, she perfectly remembred that was

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he indeed; reioycing most exceedingly to see him there, especially with Artesia. Then they declared unto her all that had happened, and of Florentus intent, desiring her to be secret, and make no shew of discontent, least he should suspect Syluan had betrayed his secrets: and after some other speeches past, they went in together.

CHAP. VIII.

How Artesia departed to the Lodge with Syluan, and from thence secretly departed to Adonais house: and how Ornatus taken to be Syluan, was by Florentus accusation, and Artesias want, banished.



When it fell out to the next morn, that the King with diners of his company, amongst which was his anely sonne and Pryze Lenon, being worried with druncke, arrived at Arbasus house, thinking to have found him there, but the King hearing of his sudden death, was exceedingly sore, perswading himselfe, as all men else do, that he was slain by some of Allinus house: which made him make small tarryance there, but departed to his Pallace. Now it happened, that Lenon beheld Artesias house, and was with the first sight thereof exceedingly bewitched: that after he was gone, he could by no means forget her: but determined long, to returne, so far as he could attaine her house.

Now the time was come that Florentus had appointed to let absoach his Willam, and according as Ornatus had before told Artesia, he came to her, perswading her for a season to lye in the country: which she, as forewarned, consented unto: & to the next morning, she with Syluan, Florentus, and others with her, departed: at night Florentus returning, and leaving with her, according as he had promised Syluan, only two servants, that were to provide these necessaries, but knew no part of the Conspiracie. When Ornatus and Artesia were alone

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alone together, for that she was voluntarily afflicted of his
 loue's fidelity, he vnto these comfortable speeches vnto him: Or-
 natus, whereas a while before this time, too unkindly I haue
 reputed you as a foe, I now craue pardon, being sorry that
 my heart hath done you so much wrong, which now I will
 requite with kindnesse. I confesse it was strange to me to en-
 tertaine loue, but now I willingly yeld my selfe to be her sub-
 ject, and your true and faithfull friend: committing my selfe
 to your custody, and my loue and selfe to be yours to dispose of.
 Ornatus hearing her speeches, was raptured with a Heauen
 of ioy: with a gentle and kinde behauiour folding her in his
 armes, and imprinting a sweet kisse vpon her Rostre lips, he
 sayd: Neuer was poore wretch exalted to more Happinesse
 then I am, by being enriched with this inestimable treasure of
 your loue. O how rich a reward haue I now reapt for my
 cares! and what gloze, ioy, or wealth, can be compared to the
 riches of your loue? O heauenly Artelia, how fortunate haue
 you made Ornatus? How haue you blest Ornatus? How full
 of ioy is Ornatus by your full consent? O how ever and so bri-
 lliantly so exalted: for this kinde and loue I will per-
 forme more then my tongue can vtter, and be more faithfull
 then your heart can wish. When began they to embrace each
 other, and to surfeit the ioyes in the solace of true loue yetteth:
 He sometimes lending her a kisse, and she with interest pay-
 ing time for time, as for one should owe, thus and so many imbraga-
 sing, as are not to be explicated: their hands & hearts toynd
 in such firme bands of true affection, as to not to be diuined:
 & surfetting with such exceeding content, impossible to be de-
 cribed. These sharpnes of loue soon was mitigated, they be-
 gan to consult of their dangerous estate, and to deuise how to
 prevent the intended mischief. In this place they continued
 some two dayes in exceeding content, still expecting to heare
 from Florentus: when the third day feeling no fruit any more
 matter of such weight, came himselfe to bring the Potion (yet
 in hope of kindnesse to visite Artelia) vnto the same to
 Sylvian, willing her the next night to giue it her: which she
 promised him faithfully to accomplish.

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When he was gone, Artesia came to Ornatus, to know what newes Floretus brought: who told her all, and shewen her the poyson in a Challe, which he had charged should be giuen her the next day. Which that Artesia began to waile, and exclaime against her Winkle in most extreame sort. But Ornatus intreated her to cease such vaine grieffe, which could not hurt him, but her selfe: promising her to puenent the same, if she would follow his counsell, which she willingly yelded vnto.

Then quoth he, let vs presently depart from hence to Adellenacs house, which you know is not farre off, who you know, is agreed with vs already: where I will leane you and returne. Which sayd, while the seruants were absent vpon some speciall occasion, they departed, with little laboz arriuing at Adellenacs house, who was ready to receiue them: and after many farewells, Ornatus returned backe to the Lodge. And when it was supper time, the seruants brought by meate, but Ornatus told them, Artesia was scarce well, and therefore they would not sup that night. And being alone by himselfe, he studied what excuse to make for Artesias absence, when Floretus should come: spending that night in much care, and many vnquiet cogitations, which took away his slepe.

Floretus was no sooner returned from the Lodge, but he met Lenon, who of purpose came to meet Artesia, whom Floretus kindly saluted, maruelling much wherefoze he came: to ease which doubt, Lenon sayd.

My friend Floretus, I came to visite the faire Artesia, to whose beauty I am enthralled, not as regarding her wealth, but her sweetest loue, of whom you onely haue the government: therefore I pray befriend me so much, that I may come to speake with her. Floretus was so exceedingly amazed to heare his speeches, that he could not tell what answer to make: nor how to excuse her absence. Lenon seeing him in such a stude, continued his speeches, saying: Floretus be not buttwillling I should match with Artesia, for that shall no way hinder your preferment, who think peraduenture the longer she liueth

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unmarryed, the more wealth you shall get by her: but to rid you of that doubt, be but a meane to win her consent, and I vow by Heaven, I will not take one peny-worth of Arbastus substance from you, but freely give it you all: for it is not her possessions I regard, but her loue, therefore I pray reioice me of your mind herein.

My Lord replied he, your offer is so bountifull, besides my duty obliging me, I am ready to performe your will to the uttermost of my power. I thanke you good Floretus, quoth Lenon: then I pray thee bring me to her, for my loue is impatient of delay. My Lord replied he, that I cannot do instantly, for Artesia some two dayes, past with the strange Damosell Sylvian, departed hence, and are now at the Lodge: whither (if you please to take such entertainment as this place yieldeth) we will both goe to morrow morning. Agreed, quoth Lenon. I will accept your proffer. When the time of rest was come, Floretus being alone by himselfe, entred into these cogitations: What inconueniences hath thou runne into Floretus? thou hast byzessed one to murder Artesia, in hope to get her wealth, and made Sylvian acquainted with thy counsell, which wealth thou mayst now attaine by preserving her life: and besides, winning her to loue Lenon, thou shalt haue him thy faithfull friend for ever.

What shall thou then best to doe? If thou shouldst murder her, he would make enquiry of her death, and so thou be done: If not, then will Sylvian be displeased, and so be way thy vizit: that the mischiefs thou by folly hast runne into, are so intricate, that thou knowest not which way to shun them.

Where it not better saue her life, and win her loue for Lenon, then to payson her, and so to dye my selfe? If I saue her life, Sylvian will be discontented: what of that? Then let Sylvian smart so; it: for if she will not be contented with that I shall doe, she shall neuer live to bewray my counsell. And therefore will I first try her, and finding any suspicion thereof, I will slay her my selfe, whose death I may callier answere, than Artesias.

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Early the next morning, Lenon and he rode to the Lodge : where no sooner arrived but he met with Syluiian, to whom he says : why how now Syluiian, I haue newes of importance to beuoyce to thee ; Lenon whom thou here beholdest, is sonne to the King, and is deeply in loue with Artesia, and hath giuen me assurance of Arbassus liuings, if I can win Artesia to match with him : Now I thinke it good to deferre our purpose as concerning her death, untill we haue made triall whether she will loue him, or no ; which if we can effect, we shall be quit of so cruell a deed, enjoy her Heritage, and haue an assured Friend of Lenon, whilst we liue : therefore let me know your opinion herein.

Syluiian was exceedingly amazed to heare his speeches : thinking, that if he did tell him where Artesia was, she should be wrested from his possession, and so himselfe disappointed of her loue ; and on the other side, he thought what mischief would arise, if he should say he had already giuen her the Doyson. Yet his loue ouer-mastering the feare of any danger, made him say : All this I like ; but Floretus, it is now too late : for I haue caused Artesia to drinke the Doyson you deliuered me, and she is dead ; which was of such force, that all her body purpled into Blisters and Swellings : which because I knew would betray what we had done, I tooke her Body, and comaged it into a deepe Pit, where it is impossible to be found.

Floretus now fearing to haue his Treason betrayed ; thought to slay Syluiian, and so to be rid of them both, that in a monstrous rage he drew his Dagger, and vniuersally stricke Syluiian in the left Arme : who feeling the smart, with violence more than Floretus expected, kept to him, and in spight of his bittermost strength, wung the Dagger out of his hands, and with the same wounded him in these places ; and had not Lenon kept betwixt them, Floretus had bene slain.

Lenon having parted them, demanded what the matter was. Floretus thinking rather to accuse, then be accused himselfe, and terrified with affright, said : That wicked wo-

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man hath murthered Artesia. Sylvian made no answer; but Lenon lay hold on her: demanding, where Artesia was; He answering: By the enticement of that wicked Floretus, I gave her a Drinke, that unknowing to me, hath poisoned her.

O wicked Creature, sayd Lenon, thou hast condemned thy selfe, and therefore worthily shall thy accursed Life make satisfaction for her Death. Which that, he began to draw his Sword: but Ornatus thinking it not a time to dally, lest he might by them be murthered, caught hold on Lenons Sword, having such advantage, that he easily wung it from him, and sayd: Worthy Lenon be advised, doe not thou seeke to spill my innocent blood, without further consideration, lest for the same thou lose thine owne. Thinkst thou I am as faulty and guilty as Floretus is? be assured I am not. But if thou lovest Justice, lay hands on that Traytor; for he, not I, is culpable of shedding her innocent blood.

By this time Lenons Servants perceiving their contention, came running in with their Swords drawn; by their Lords commandement, first apprehending Floretus, and afterwards seeking by violence to take Sylvian: but he standing in his owne defence, resisted them, all adding innocency. All Lenon vowed and protested, if he were not accessory thereto, he should have no other then Justice, and that his cause should be heard before the King.

Ornatus thought it better to yield by faire means, rather then by compulsion; and esteeming it lesse griefe to be made a Prisoner, then to bewray where Artesia was, and so have her taken from him, yielded: both of them being conveyed to the Pallace, and for that Night committed to severall Prisoners.

Floretus being thus in durance, his Conscience so deeply accused him of villany, that he continued crying and exclaiming against his hard fortune; with bitter bannings raging against himselfe, for trusting Sylvian, seeming with extreme feare of death desperate.

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Ornatus on the other side, tooke that trouble patiently, as endured for Artesias sake; fearing nothing, for that he knew himselfe innocent, and could easily acquit himselfe of such accusation, putting rather to hazard the worst, then betray what he was; which to conceale, was his greatest care.

The next day they were brought before the Prince: where Floretus, upon Sylvians accusation, confessed the Truth, both concerning Artesia, and how he slew Arbastus: for which; hee was adiudged to dye within two dayes. And, quoth he to Sylvian, for that thou art a stranger, and by his counsaile, rather then of thine owne inclination, wert bygone unwittingly to doe that deed, I will pardon thy Life, but adiudge thee to be banished this Country. And, quoth he, because I feare that some will take the Life, thou shalt presently be conveyed hence: which doome shall stand irrevocable.

When gave he commandement, she should be conveyed to the Haven presently: committing her to the custody of certain rude Poyzes: Who not staying to heare what answer she would make (whereof poore Ornatus was not readily provided of in that Extremity) immediately carryed her away. To whom Ornatus would have told the truth of all: But he spake to them that understood him not. Who with speed executing their Soueraignes command, rudely haled her aboard; and hoggling dayle, never rested, untill they arrived neare the Coast of Natolia, where they were commanded to leave her.

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CHAP. IX.

Of the sorrow *Artesia* tooke for *Ornatus* Banishment: and of the severall Adventures befell him in *Nacolia*.



Artesia remaining in *Adellenaes* House, marvelled she heard not from *Ornatus*, according to his promise, which gave her into some doubt of his safety; that coming to *Adellena*, she desired her to haste to the Lodge, to intreat him to come to her, for that by her hearts misdoubt, she suspected some heauie newes. *Adellena* immediately hasted thither, finding the Seruants in great sorrow; whom she asked for *Syluan*. Aye me, quoth one of them, by this time she is past speaking withall: for such heauy newes is befallne since your departure, as griueth me to utter: yet notwithstanding, told her all that was happened.

Adellena making no delay, which in those affaires was dangerous, stood not to imitate of those griefes, and how contrarily enery thing fell out; but with all haste returned to *Artesia*: who espying her coming, thought her Countenance betwaxed some vniwelcome Accident, hastily enquiring how *Ornatus* did: *Adellena*, for want of breath, could not speake a good space, but at the last she sayd: *Artesia*, tedious lament is not now to be vsed, but speedy counsell how to save *Ornatus*: for he is carryed befoze the King, and is accused by *Floretus*, to haue murdered you: for coming to the Lodge with *Lenon*, the Kings senné, who pretendeth great loue to you and not finding you, *Ornatus* told *Floretus* he had giuen you the Poison: Whereupon *Floretus* wou'd haue slaine him: but *Ornatus* taking his Dagger from him, had done the like to him, had not *Lenon* kept betwixt them. Then *Floretus* accused him for your death, and he *Floretus*: and both were ye, *Verday* carryed befoze the King.

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Alas, poore Ornatus, said Artesia, what misery is befallen thee for my sake: how art thou rewarded for preserving my life? Good Adellena, counsell me what is to be done: Ornatus being amongst them a reputed stranger, hauing no friend to plead for him, and peraduenture ouer swayed by Floretus perjury, may haue his life indangered, and the rather, because he is taken to be a Natolian. Therefore, Adellena, if thou lovest him or me, wilt saue both his and my life, and discharge him of that false accusation, runne to the Court, and finding out Lenon, tell him of my safety, and request him for my sake to pittie poore Sylvian. Adellena according to her commandment, mounted a Horse, and with great speed, by that time it was night, attained the Court, and finding out Lenon, uttered these speeches: Spott worthy Lenon, vouchsafe to heare me speake, the faire Artesia, whom you supposed dead, is aliue, and in safety at my house, who hath sent me to you, in the behalfe of Sylvian, fearing some wrong might be done to her, as suspected to be her death, when she onely hath preferred her life.

Lenon was so amazed at her speeches, that he could not tell what to say, being exceedingly grieved for Sylvian, but at length told her what his father had done: which appalled her senses with deadly feare. Lenon, notwithstanding it somewhat grieved him for Sylvian, yet his heart was glad to heare of Artesias safety, and therefore he determined to goe with Adellena to visite her, which likewise he performed, and entring where she was, making exceeding lamentation, he said.

I beseech you grieue not, sayre Damzell, for Sylvian, for no harme is done to her, onely my Father, vpon her owne confession and Floretus accusation, hath banished her to her owne Country.

Artesia hearing his speeches, with very grieffe fell into a deadly trance, both Lenon and Adellena hauing much a doe to bring her life againe. And being conueyed to her Bed, when her senses were come to her perfect vse, and Lenon standing by her, whose sight was most grievous to her, she turned her

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hears from his sight, shedding such abundance of teares, that he covered the place where he lay. Leonon perceiving that she was displeased with his presence, withdrew himselfe, giving Adellena this charge. Adellena, since Artesia is in thy custody, I charge thee let her not depart hence, untill thou hearest of me againe, for if thou dost, thou shalt answer the same, but if thou wilt find my friend, and in my behalfe treat her favour, I will prove so gratefull a friend, as thou shalt account thy labour well employed.

He was no longer gone, but Artesia uttered these lamentations; How accursed wretch, that I am, to be thus separated from my deare Love, whose courteous minde is the fountaine of all vertue: how unfortunate am I made by my fathers death, and my uncles cruelty, but especially by his loss, that is unkindly banished into a strange Country, where he was true and loyall Gentleman, never set foot: how unhappy was he made, when he first beganne his love: but now most miserable, by seeking to preserve my life, hath cast away his owne, and fearing to be disappointed of my love hath quite discovered himselfe from my sight, to hazard his person by sea and land. Is it possible that he should ever returne, being so farre conveyed from his native soyle, and left to the mercies of strange people, that will be ready to destroy his guiltlesse life. No, I feare me, never shall I be so happy as behold him, and though I doe not, yet shall my love to him remaine immovable. Wherefore, now will I save my selfe to endure all perills, to live in care, and continue lament, for want of beloved Ornatus, whose heart I know is replete with sorrow, and peradventure misdoubteth my loyalty, having bene so unkind to him before: and knowing Leonons affection, may suppose his dignity might alter my constancy. But sooner shall Ornatus heare of my death, then that I have altered my love, or yielded his right to another, were he the greatest Potentate in the world.

Which sayd, another flood of teares overflowed her eyes, and her passage of speech was stoppt by heart-piercing sighings,

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sighings, which in confused multitudes issued with her
 sweet breath, neuer ceasing her laments, but still beway-
 ling her true Lovers absence, that it pierced Adellenas heart
 with such sorrow, that she wept as well as Artesia,
 both being so much grieved, that they seemed to strue how
 to exceede one another in laments. In which sorrowfull
 estate, Artesia remained so long, that she waxed extreme
 sicke; and grew to that extremitie, that Adellena feared her
 death.

Lenon likewise being come to the Court, got pardon
 of his father for Florus death, but notwithstanding he re-
 mained in prison all the dayes of his life. Lenon likewise hea-
 ring of Artesias sickness, refrained from visiting her, onely he
 would oftentimes repaie to Adellenas house, to inquire how
 she did.

Ornatus being left in the Country of Natolia, took his
 misfortunes in such heavy sort, that had not his hope to see
 Artesia, againe witheld him, he had offered himselfe some
 outrage, for a season giving himselfe to sorrowne and care-
 lesse desperation, neither regarding which way to pro-
 vide for his safety, nor otherwise respecting what danger
 he might runne into, in that strange Country, for the
 Storme had landed him in a waste and desolate Coast of the
 Country.

Thus carelesse did he continue a whole night and a day, not
 so much as seeking food to preserve him from famine: but in
 the end, hunger constrained him to seek succour, but when his
 stomacke served him, he could finde no meate, that with the
 extremity thereof, calling to remembrance his estate, he utter-
 ed these plaints.

Thus contrary to nature to her subjects, sometimes boy-
 ling them to the top of all felicity, and then with violence
 thrusting them downe head-long into the depth of extreme
 misery.

Was ever mozt fortunate and suddenly miserable then I
 am: Could yet any man whatsoever, attaine moze heavenly
 felicity and happinesse then I did, by being posses of Artesia?

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and now againe more accurst, being thus farre absent from her, and banished my native soyle, into a strange Country. ready to be famished and deuoured by wilde Beasts, or that which is worst, neuer likely to see Artesia againe. How could any man containe himselfe from desperatenesse, being so miserable as I am? How can I withhold my hands from murdering my selfe, when by doing it, I should be ridde out of a wretched life? What should I doe? which way should I goe? Here I am in a desolate and unfrequented place, where no humane creatures inhabite but wilde beasts; without fode, without weapons, in womans apparell, and without hope of comfort. Shall I stay here, then shall I be famished; shall I leaue this place, and trauell further, then I goe further from my beloued, and meeting with some rauenous beast, may be deuoured. Now being hungry, I want fode, and here is none, vnlesse I will eate the earth, leaues of trees, or rootes of the grasse. Well I will seek my fortune, be it good or ill: and in this desperate mood he trauelled on, and by good fortune found a Tree laden with exceeding pleasant, and goodly fruit, with which he stanchd his hunger: not farre from which place he took by his night lodging.

Scarcely the next morning he arose, first filling his belly, & then his lap, with that pleasant fruit; the taste whereof, was like pleasant wine, that being drunken in abundance, will make the head light: which made Ornatus heart merry, that he trauelled on a pace. But Fortune not contented with the misery he endured already, sent him another affliction: he entred into a place like a Forrest, beset with Trees of huge proportion, scattered here and there, where he met with a wild and fierce Boare that hunted those Deserts; who espying Ornatus, with a terrible growning, basted himselfe, comming towards him. Ornatus being now giuen to his uttermost shifts, began to runne with all his force from the beast: but he making the more speede, had almost overtaken him, when one of the Apples Ornatus carried about him, fell downe, and the Boare espying the same, stayed his haste to take it vp, whereby Ornatus had gotten some little ground of him, & seeing him so
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much affect the fruit, cast downe another Apple, after which the Boare ran with greedinesse deuouring the same. Ornatus was glad of this poore shift, and still cast downe one Apple, and then another, that in the end he had almost throwne away all, and notwithstanding that, feared to be destroyed: But the Boare feeling his belly full, and his hunger staunched, left off his eager pursuit, and followed him more carelesly; whom he still fedde with Apples, so long as his store lasted: that in the end the Boare being drunke with the pleasant fruite, began to reele and stagger, and lying downe, fell fast asleepe. Which Ornatus seeing, hauing no other then a knife about him, with the same approached the Boare, and without feare, violently thrust the same so deepe into the Boares bzistled side, that it pierced his heart; and hee, after some struggling, dyed.

Ornatus then held vp his hands to Heauen for joy, exceedingly applauding this his fortunate and vnerpected escape; which he tooke as a fortunate presage of good successe. But yet before he could determine what to doe, Fortune once againe shewed her mutability: For when Ornatus had parted the Boares head from his huge body and with the same was ready to depart, there past by, as it seemed, a Knight gallantly mounted in greene Armour; who espying a Woman bearing the Boares head, drew towards her, and sayd: Woman, where hadst thou that Boares head: I pray thee deliuer it me. Ornatus made this answer: Sir, I haue not doe either, vnlesse I know more cause then as yet I doe. The Knight hearing that short answer, alighted, and said: I will shew no other reason, but that I will haue it. With that he began to striue for the same: But Ornatus hauing more minde to his Sword, then to keepe the Boares head, suddenly caught hold thereof, and drew the same out; which when he had gotten, he said: Disloyall and discourteous Knight, now will I keepe the Boares head in despite of thee. With that, he thrust at him, and contrary to his thought, wounded him so deepe, that he left him for dead; wishing, that he had not done that deede: but not knowing how discourteously

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he would haue bled him, let passe all further remorse, and casting off his womans apparell, put on the Knights apparell, and Armour, mounted the saddle, and with the Boares head rode backe the same way, he saw the Knight come, and within a little space, found a beaten way that conducted him to a goodly Towne, whose Turret tops he saw long before he came to the same: then began he to study what to doe, sometimes thinking it best not to enter into the towne, from whence it was likely the Knight he saw came, and so he being taken for him might be knowne, and so afterwards endangered for his death: For peradventure the Knight might be of good estimation, and of purpose sent to slay the Boare, and if it should be knowne that he had slaine him, his friends would for the same, and the rather for that he was a stranger, persecute sharpe reuenge against him. Whilest he was in these meditations, he came neere the Towne, not fully resolved what to doe, where he was sone stopped of some of the people, who seeing the Boares head, came running towards him, making exceeding ioy: which when he saw, he thought it too late to turne backe, but that he must goe on and hazard the worst: and being entered the Towne, a number of the inhabitants flockt about him, some with garlands, some with patifes and all with ioy, uttering these speeches: Welcome home most happy Alpinus.

Ornatus then perfectly knew that the Knights name was Alpinus, and went of purpose to slay the Boare, whom they took him to be, and that he must of necessity be knowne; which brake him into an exceeding care what excuse to make, to auoid the danger of death. When presently he beheld a troope of beautifull Damzels, with the sounds of sweete Musike coming towards him, (amongst whom, one as cheife and more beautifull then the rest, was crowned with a garland of flowers, bearing another in her hand) who all at once applauded his victorie, dancing before him, untill he came into the midst of the Towne, where sat the cheife Magistrate, where the Damzell that was crowned, thus spake to him.

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Sir Alprinus, your conquest hath released the Inhabitants of care, extolled thy fame, preserved thy life, and wonne me for thy Loue. You haue well performed the task you undertooke, and according to your desert, I come to crowne you with these flowers, and to yeld my selfe as yours for ever.

Ornatus hearing her speeches, thought to try the end of this aduventure, which could be no worse then death, which of force he must now hazard. Alighted laying downe the Mozen head upon a Table that stood before the Ancients, with humble and comely behaniour kissing the Damzels hand, who set the wreath of flowers vpon his head, and taking him by the hand, brought him before the Antients, one of whom stood by and said: *Worthy Gentleman, whereas before thou wert by us aduoged to dye, as worthy thereof, for this thy valiant deede, we freely pardon thee, and acquit thee from all trespasses that thou hast committed against any whomsoever untill this present houre.*

And taking the Damzell by the hand, said, Lucida, according to thy desire and his desert, I yeld thee by to be his wife. And Gentleman, quoth he, take her as thine owne, as freely as she was by birth adopted mine: and after my death, be thou inheritor of my land.

To all this, Ornatus gave a fient consent, and the night now approaching, he with Lucida went to her fathers house, where was a great feast provided, from which Ornatus excused himselfe in this sort: *When hee was entered the house being still Armed, onely lifting vp his Beauer he took Lucida by the hand, and withdrawing her aside, said:*

Lucida, I now finde your loue to be infallible, and your constancy to excell all womens that I haue knowne: and that Alprinus is so farre indebted vnto you, as that he shall neuer (might he liue a thousand yeeres) be able to recompence this inestimable fauour of your loue, which hath preserved my unworthy life from destruction.

But notwithstanding, your loue Alprinus, his debt is

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so great, as can no way be gratified; I request one further fauour at your hands, whereon my chiefest felicity dependeth, yea, my life, your Love, and perpetuall Good: which I feare to utter, least you should misconceiue the same; there being no other thing to hinder the content Alprinus seeketh, but onely your fauourable consent, to banish all mistrust of my faith.

Euclid marvelled at his speeches; indeed, louing him so well that she would haue spild her chaste blood for his sake, saying: Alprinus, what need you make doubt of my consent to any thing, whatsoeuer it be, for your sake? know you not how faithfull I haue continued, though you sell my onely brother? and that I esteemed you more sacred dearer then his life: and when you should haue dyed for that deede, obtained this at my fathers and the rest of the Antients hands, that slaying the Boy that destroyed many people, you should saue your chaste Wife, and winne me as your true one. And notwithstanding all this, doe you make a question, whether I will yeeld consent to any thing that shall be for your good? Alprinus, if your loue were so constant as mine, if you intended to continue my loue for euer, if your heart felt so deepe a thing of loue as mine, you would not make such a doubt of my loyalty, of my truth true loue, and constancie: For you know whatsoeuer you should aske, I will graunt; whatsoeuer you should request, I will performe: and wherein soeuer a Woman may shew infallible tokens of her truth, I will doe as much as any. But since you will not beleaue mee without an Oath: I sweare by my Love, my suspected Virginitie, and all the good I wish my Heart, I will consent, agree, performe, or doe any thing: not be offended with any thing, be the needes neuer so vnwelcome, so it be for Alprinus good; nor leaue any thing vnderperformed, you shall requite.

Ornatu hearing with what constancie her speeches proceeded from her, and how grievously she conceived it, that any doubt should be made of her loyalty, thought most certainly that he might put his life into her hands, and therefore hauing

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already stung a device, sayd: It ill agrees with my nature
to dissemble, and hardly could I have borne shames thereto,
but that desire to please him, drew me thereto: for know
most worthy Lucida, that I am not Alprinus, but one that for
his sake, hath undertaken this: The truth whereof, if you will
heare with patience, I will declare.

Yesterday, I trauiell'd through the Forrest, or Desert,
where I met Alprinus, sore wounded, and lying from the
Woods, that pursued him with celerity, which when I beheld,
to rescue him from death, I set upon the Woods, and by good
fortune slew him: which when he beheld, he declared to me
the cause of his coming: which when he heard, pitying his
state, I bid him take the Woods head, and withall, hope him
to mount his horse, but his wounds would not suffer him
to ride, that I was in some feare of his life. When presently
we beheld an ancient Hermit coming towards vs, who li-
ued in a Cave in those Woods, and desired to care his
wounds, being glad of the Woods death. In whose Cell I
conueyed Alprinus: at whose request, I haue performed this
which you see, and haue undertaken to hazard my life, to dis-
charge him of death, and to win the assured possession of your
loue.

Now I most humbly intreat you, for his sake to conceale
what I say, that I be not knowne, and so both disappoint your
selfe of his loue, and him of safety. Onele deule a meane to
excuse me from their feare: which I trust you will doe for Al-
prinus sake, and then we may haue time to studey for your sa-
ther content.

Lucidas Loue made her beloue, that all he sayd was true,
and therefore sayd: Sir, I trust there is no cause why I should
mistrust you: and therefore relying upon the truth of that
which you haue sayd, I will tell my father you are wounded,
and desire rather to goe to your Chamber, then to the Feast,
who I know will deny me nothing. Whis said, she went to
her father, and expostulated with him, that he was conten-
ted she should haue the reuening of him: whom she took to a
Chamber, suffering none to come at him, but her selfe, whom
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he trusted, and well might trust for her fidelity. Afterwards Lucida came to Ornatus, to determine how she might come to see Alpinus, being most careful of his health: and amongst many other speeches, they concluded that Ornatus the next morning should depart towards the Forest, to Alpinus, and that she by some meanes would come thither the next day after, if he would meet her, to give her directions where to find him: which he promised to doe. According to this agreement, Ornatus very early the next morning armed himselfe, and as Lucida had instructed him, took his leave of her father, who little suspecting he had been any other then Alpinus, gave his consent: and so Ornatus in Alpinus, Armoz againe departed the Towne, being glad he was escaped from death, which he was sure to have incurred, if it had binne any longer knowne that he had slain Alpinus.

And being now alone by himselfe, having the whole world to trauell into, but neuer a friend to goe to, boyd of fears, but not of care, he studied whither to direct his journey: sometimes his conscience accusing him of too much disloyall dealing towards Lucida, in betraying her vertues by dissimulation, in telling her Alpinus was living, when he knewe it to the contrary.

Then he contrarily thought, it was lawfull for him to discourse with her, to save his present life, and though he had slain Alpinus, he did it but in defence of his honour.

Amongst all these, this cogitation seemed most to acquit him of dishonour, that fortune and the destinies had by that meanes ordained him to escape. Whilist he rode on in these vaine meditations, he met with an ancient Hermit, who coming towards him, sayd: Discourteous Gentleman, how canst thou by that Armoz: and yet I need not aske thee, for I know thou slewest the worthy Gentleman Alpinus, which I beheld to my griefe: Father (quoth Ornatus) if thou wilt behold the same, thou canst witness I did it against my will, and in my owne defence: for whose death I am as sorry as thy selfe, and would as willingly haue done any thing to preserve the same, as any man living.

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Will you then (saye the Hermit) doe this for him, bouchsafe to come and speake with him; who is in reasonable good state in my Cell: and so sayed and departed.

I would to God, sayd Ornatus, thy wordes were true: for if he be living, it will reuive my heart with joy, that is almost haught with care: desiring nothing more, then to see him. He is living, said the Hermit, and if thou wilt go, I will bring you to him presently.

Ornatus being come to the Cell, accordingly found Alprinus very weak, by reason of his grievous wound, to whom Ornatus declared all that happened between him and Lucida: which added no little comfort to Alprinus heart, that he thought himselfe of sufficient strength to goe and meet with her; and therefore told Ornatus, he would goe and meet with her: and withall, yelded him so many thanks, as if by his meanes his life had bene preserved.

In the meane time they continued in the old Hermites Cave: Alprinus in great comfort, and Ornatus in no lesse care, for the absence of his deare Artesia, breathing forth many a scalding sigh, and uttering many a sad and mournfull lamentation: sometimes utterly despayring of attayning her loue, and then againe, remembering her vertues, growing into some better confidence of her constancy. Yet most of all, fearing that Lenons loue to her, might either by perswasion of his death, force affect of dignity, or by other meanes win her to consent to him, especially for that she had no Parents to gouerne her, nor he neuer a faithfull friend to counsaile her.

The next day Alprinus and he went out to meet Lucida, whom they met at the entrance into the Forrest, and after many kind salutations past betwixt the two Lovers, they altogether went back into the towne, to Lucidas fathers house, where that morning hee departed to a Garden, about businesse of importance.

Ornatus was much kindly used of them, remaining there untill Alprinus had recovered Lucida: but then he thought it high time for him to depart: And on a time finding Al-

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prious alone, who has the time sufficient to work of his friend-
ship, he declared unto him the whole truth, and how he was
come to Artesia, requesting his helpe for his passage into
Phrygia.

Alpinus with great regard attended the whole discourse,
promising his uttermost assistance; which (quoth he) I can
effect so well as Lucida, whose father is a merchant, and sen-
deth forth ships into sundry provinces, whomever they plea-
sure you; which charge I will undertake, and cause her to
deale so effectually with him, that you shall attaine your de-
sire. Onarus continued in good hope, somewhat abandoning
his former despair, to whom for a time we will leaue, attending
the time that some of the ships should depart, to speake of
Artesia, his carefull lover.

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How Lenon caused Artesia by violence to be caried from
Adellemes House to the Greene Fortresse of the miseries
she endured there. How she was rescued from thence
by Alpinus, and from him taken by Pyrates. And how
Alpinus, accused by Lenon for her death, was impriso-
ned.



Now after that Artesia by Adellemes care-
full tendance had somewhat recovered her
health, Lenon began to visite her againe,
being unable to endure the heauy burthen
of burning Lame, thinking her sickness had
proceeded from feare of Florentus, not for
want of Onarus company, & finding an oc-
casion, wherby he might see her againe.
Artesia, my heart is so firmly intyalled to your beauty, and
my affections so aduine your vertues, that I am constrained
to offer my mind, and to tell you of my love your beauty, ver-
tues, and other most rare perfections, wherewith you are
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desired, that I humbly sue to you for fauour, and prostrate
my selfe your thrall, desiring to be enriched with those Jew-
els of inestimable price: which hauing once attained, I shall
thinke I haue more wealth in my possession, then all the
world, besides my selfe, doth containe. Your unkind Anckles
cruelty, you haue not feare, nor ether misfortune; neither
haue you any parents to ouer rule you in making your choyce:
then vouchsafe to accept my suite, and geue content to my
loue.

My Lord (replied Artesia) I thanke you for your good
will, but I knowe not how to accept of your loue, being yet so
farre from knowing what it is, that if I should but dreame
thereof, my heart would be out of quiet: besides, many cares
continually attend the same, and my meane estate so farre vn-
worthy thereof, with innumerable other discontentes and
cares that I should make my selfe subiect vnto, that I had
rather a thousand times remaine in the estate I am now in.
Therefore, I intreat you to settle your loue elsewhere, more
agreeable to your estate and fancy: for I shall thinke my selfe
most fortunate, if I neuer fall into that labyrinth of disquietes;
but will, during my life, labour to keepe my selfe free from
loues bands. Leon would not take this for an answer: but
with many other speeches, continued his suit, whom Artesia
still put out of hope: that he departed for that time exceeding
discontented, leauing her no lesse disquieted in thoughts, how
to annoy his loue.

In this sort did he daily visite her, still growing more im-
portunate: among many other, this conference past betwixt
them: Artesia, quoth he, how long shall I sue and be frus-
trated in my hopes, by your unkindnesse? Is your heart har-
dened against me? Or am I of so base conditions, that you
cannot conceiue well of me? Or is it possible you beare so
hateful a conceit of loue as you make shew for? then may I
accuse mine eyes, that haue betrayed my senses, in making
them your thrall: then may I thinke my woe began, when I
first began to loue. O Artesia, be not so cruell, as to punish
me with this disdain.

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My Lord (replied she) I seeke not your disquiet: for at the first motion I told you my minde, which shall neuer alter; neyther is my heart hardened against you, more then others, for I am determined not to loue: then seeing you see my intent, it were a point of wisdom in you to shake off this fond and foolish loue, which is but a toy, and an idle fancy, that is bred by vanity: and doe not seeke to make loue grow without a roote, for in my heart it shall neuer take roote, but rather when it is rooted, I will pull out heart and all, but I will root it out. When (quoth he) you are leauey obstinacy, and not by reason: for that you are subiect to loue, you cannot deny: then why not me before another, considering my loue is more faithfull then any other: And I being most worthy, why should I not be first accepted? Artesia was weary of his speeches, hauing her constant thoughts bent onely on Ornatus: therefore to ridde her from him, she sayd. It is in vaine to vse many wordes, neyther am I like to those, that will at the first seeme coy, but afterwards yield: but I desire you to be satisfied with that which I haue already sayd, that I cannot loue.

Faire Damosell, how can I be satisfied with that unreasonable answer, when my life dependeth on your consent: which your denyall will finish: Then giue me leave to say, I cannot be so satisfied; but being extremely refused, I must grow perforce to be as unreasonable in my requests. Consider you not what dignity I might aduance you to, by making you my wife: consider you not the pleasures, ioyes, and abundance of all contents you might enjoy with me, and how faithfully I loue you, and with what humility I seeke your loue: and yet notwithstanding, you remaine obdurate: By power is great, that whereas I sue, I might command, and by authority compell you to consent: then be not so overconceited, as so obstinately to reject your good; and thinke, that if my loue were not constant, I might vse extreames, which would soon alter your mind.

Suppose (replied Artesia) I were so peruit as you terme me, yet being bozne free, I am not to be made bound by constraint:

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strait: and were you the greatest King in the world, you could not rule the heart, though you might by iniustice punish the body: for it is not Kingdomes wealth, nor cruelty, can turne hatred to loue, but it may some turne loue into hatred. But by your speeches I may partly know your thought, and the lips utter what the heart intendeth: doe with me what you will, I cannot loue: neyther will I loue you, were you Monarch of all the world.

Lenon was so much grieved and vexed at her speeches, that he was ready to teare his Hayre, his Lockes, and thereby making him rather mad then sober, that presently he departed, saying no more but this: farewell hard hearted Artesia.

He was glad he was gone, presently telling Adellena all that had past betwixt them, and how peremptorily he had answered his importunate suite: telling Adellena that since Ornatus was for her sake banished, she would neuer loue any but him, and preserve her life in hope to see him againe. But the first knowledge of his death, should be the latest unto her life: both she and Adellena thinking that Lenon would neuer retorne to prosecute his Loue. But he being come to the Palace, betooke himselfe to his Chamber, raging more like a Mad-man, then a passionate Louer: sometimes swearing, cursing, and stamping, yelling so much to that mad fancy, that in the end he bolued to obtaine Artesias loue, though he hazarded his life, honor, and good name: that raging in this sort by and aboute his Chamber, he espied an old Gentlewoman, named Flera going by his Window, whom he called vnto him, and thus sayd: Flera, because I haue assured confidence in thy fidelity, and purpose to reward thee liberally, I craue thy counsell, and with it thy consent, to be faithfull in concealing my secrets, and diligent in doing my command. The old Hag making an euill fashioned low curtesie, sayd: My deare sonne Lenon, be it to doe you good, I will hazard my life, and rather be torne into a thousand pieces, then reueale what you shall vouchsafe to tell me. Then (quoth he) counsell me which way I should begin to win.

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win a faire Damoyselle Love. **Spake my Lord** (quoth she) give her knowledge thereof, and then with faire speeches woo her: if that will not prevaile, give her Gold, and there is no doubt, but that saye Bayt will catch her.

No, no (quoth he) these are of no force: I have made my love knowne to her, by humble suites, submisle Behauiours, and by all kinde of courteous meanes intreated her consent; yet for all that, she remaineth obstinate: she is rich, and therefore Gold with her is of no force; she is faire, vertuous, noble, and chaste: then what Engine hast thou to undermine that Chastity?

Reasons enough (quoth she) peradventure she is ruled by others counsaile, which may preuaile more then your suit: but might I haue access vnto her, I would not doubt but to alter her minde: for being faire, young, and rich, she cannot chuse but delight to be payed, subiect to loue, and therefore easily to be seduced.

Doest thou thinke (quoth he) thou couldest win her wert thou her Master? I warrant you (quoth she) I would see it. **When shalt thou be her Master**: is that thou best to murther at my fathers Castle in the Greene Forrest, where to morrow by night this Damoysell shall be, whose name is Ardelia, daughter to Artabanus lately dead: bid her kindly, let her want nothing: murther as thing wise knoweth, that thou knowest me, nor that she shall be belongeth to my father; nor speake not of loue, in any sort: bid her in this sort, untill I speake with thee, for thou onely shalt haue her custody. Flera being gone about her businesse, hee found out two of his trustiest seruants, to whom he imparted both his minde and intent: willing them the next morning with speed to goe to Adellenaes house, and either by force or faire meanes to take Ardelia from thence, and carry her vnto the Greene Forrest, in the Greene Forrest, where they should find Flera, to whose custody they should commit Ardelia: and then elles should remaine there, to provide all things necessary, untill his coming.

¶ Carely the next Mornning, the seruants rode to Adellenaes house,

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house, whereinto they holdly entred, and coming to Artesia, first spake her faire, but afterwards told her she must go with them, if not willingly, by constraint. Artesia then began to burst into teares, weeping and lamenting exceedingly, upon her knees intreating them, not to offer by violence to carry her from thence, but if they would needs, that they would take Adellena with them: but all was in vaine, so they constrained her to mount up behind one of them, and away they rode in great haste. This heavy parting was so suddaine, that Artesia could not bid Adellena adue but with teares, nor Adellena speake a word for griefe, their senses being so farre consumed with care, that their hearts were ready to burst therewith. Artesia thought it was Lenons doing, and therefore she tormented the more, not that he used her unkindly, but that he loved her: not fearing his cruelty, but his loss: not regarding what cruelty he could use by hatred, but fearing his love would make him take her dishonour. Being come to the forresse, and committed to the custody of Flora, the old woman began to speake her faire, and vse her kindly, yet her very words and countenance bewraying her guilty conscience; so whom Artesia would not speake a word, lest thereby shee should giue her occasion to rage: meat shee brought unto her, but she refused to taste thereof: and when she came to her Chamber, she lay on the cushions, refusing the Bed, tormenting her heart with care, vexing her head with thought, and busying her senses, as meditating to what issue this blage would sort: sometimes calling on Oratus name for comfort: sometimes accusing Lenon of barbarous cruelty, and cursing her crooked Destinies: offering such plaints as would haue turned Tyrants to crie: weeping her eyes dry, and her Garments wet, tearing her haire, and tormenting euery one of her senses with vexation, refusing sleepe, rest, ease, or quiet.

The next day Lenon came thither, asking Flora how she fared: who told him, that she would not speake, eat, nor sleepe, but fared like one mad and sencelesse. But let her alone, saith he, and you shall see this selfe will done in case, the

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will haue my mind of thee: then puld she out a knife, and reaching hold on her, saying, that vnlesse she would promise to be Lenon kindly when he next came, she would cut her throat: which braue Artelia into that feare, that she began to intreat her, and speake faire, promising to condescend to any thing that agreed to her Honour. Stand not vpon those nice termes with me (quoth Flera) but here I sweare to yeeld to loue him: for so thou mayst delay him, and frustrate his hopefull expectation; whom thou art not worthy to touch, much lesse to beare such a presuming mind as thou doest, in scoone of his loue. Wherefore yeeld to that which I request, or stand to my mercy. Canst thou bestow the loue better, then on so honourable a Prince? Canst thou attaine more dignitie, reape more content, or enjoy more quiet with any, then with him? Then doe not deny me, for I purpose not to be denyed.

Artelia trembling for feare, made this answer onely to satisfie her: I am contented to be ruled by Lenon, whose meaning I know is honourable. Therefore I may not offer me this outrage, but suffer me to liue in quiet untill his coming. If this will not satisfie you, then doe the worst you can: for death is more welcome to me, then life in these Extremities. Well quoth she, I will try you: but if you really sheware what will ensue, for I am resolu'd what to doe. Artelia was glad she had satisfied her, though it were with bittering words which she neuer intended to performe.

Adellena seeing how suddenly Artelia was taken from her, caused one of her seruants, privately to follow them to the Greene Fortresse: who returning, told her what he had seene. Then Adellena began to study how to release her from thence; and with all haste rode to Allimus house: where being arrived, she declared all that she knew concerning Ornatus: and how Lenon had carryed Artelia by violence into the Greene Fortresse. Allimus being glad to heare that Ornatus was alive, promised to redeme Artelia from Lenons custody. And that to effect, the next Evening caused his men to mount themselves: and himselfe, with some few of them, disguised from being knowne, came to the Greene

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grewe fortresse, and one of them knocking: whilest the other hid themselves, the servants little suspecting any such ambush as intent, opened the Gate, when presently they rushed in, and some found out Artesia: whom Allinus told who hee was, and to what intent he came. Artesia was glad thereof, and willingly yielded to goe with him: but the old Woman made such an out cry that all the place rung thereof. One of Allinus servants seeing he would not be pacified, drew his sword, and thrust it through her body: and so with a yelling cry, he gaue by the Ghost. When presently Allinus departed with her, intending to carry her to his chiefe House, to keepe her there unknowne, untill he could heare of Ornatis. And remembering that the two servants were dead, and would no doubt certifie Lenon what was done, would not goe backe the same way he came, though the readiest, for then he thought he should meet them: but went a more secret way, thinking by that meanes to passe vnscen: and entering into the plaines where Cattell fed, Allinus espied a company coming towards them, whom he presently suspected to be Lenon: which in reason he could not thinke, but that feare perswaded him thereto: The company likewise espied them (who were certaine Pyrates, that were wounded from their shippes, to steale Cattell): wondered what they should be, that were so late abroad: and being ready to any mischief, set vpon Allinus and his company: who thinking it had bene Lenon, would by no meanes yeld, nor speake, fearing he should betray them, but resisted the Pyrates: who being used to many such meetings, some slew two of Allinus servants, and had giuen himselfe many grievous wounds, enforcing him to yeld: who taking from him all that was good, and constraining Artesia to goe with them, hasted to their shippes: when hauing conueyed her aboard, to prevent the worst, hoysed sayle, and launched into the Deepe.

When thus Allinus left in most miserable estate, with all speed hasting to his house: Lenons servants likewise were by that time it was midnight gotten to the Wallace, and called their Lord out of his Bed, to certifie him what was hap-

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poned: who presently mounted himself, and with a sufficient company rode to the Forreſſe; and entering, found Flaccus Gaine, who attended him. Then began he to inquire who should doe that deed, and what they should be that had carried away Artesia: by this time it was day-light, and Lenon rested in exceeding vexation to be dispossessed of his beautiful Love; yet he commanded his men to post by companies severall wayes, if it were possible, to finde those that had done that deed, whilſt he himſelfe remained there, betwaxing that misfortune. His Servants had not rode farre, but (by the light of the day, which discovereth things done in darknesse) they found Allinus two servants, whose head-bowes they carried backe to the Forreſſe. Lenon seeing them, presently assured himſelfe, that Allinus was a party in this action, and that he had taken away Artesia, to ſeeke her death. His present which mischiefe, (as he thought then) never to be done) he presently rode home to the Court, and humbly upon his knees intreated his Father to grant him Licence with a sufficient power to rescue Artesia from Allinus, who intended to murder her: declaring, how he himſelfe found her in Adellenaes house, and how that he had placed her in the greene Forreſſe, to defend her from Allinus and others cruelty, being loſt fatherlesse; and how that might Allinus had taken her from thence by Treason, and intended no lesse then her ruine. The King hearing his Sonnes speeches, granted his request.

Then presently divers, to the number of three hundred men, with as much speed as could possibly be, armed themselves, and in haste with Lenon went to Allinus Castle; into which they violently, and unadvisedly came, and entered. Lenon presently lay hands on Allinus, whom he found sore wounded, asking him for Artesia, and what thinking some of his Servants had before broughte that he had done, presently confessed the truth of all, both as he said, and how Artesia was rescued from him, but by whom he knew not, and how at that time two of his Servants were slain.

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Leon giving no credit to his speeches, neuer left till he had
 searched the whole Castle throughout: but not finding her,
 accused Allinus that he had murdered her, commanding his
 men to bind him, and carry him as a Traytor to the Court.
 When he came before the King, confessed the truth as before
 he had done, utterly denying, that he neuer sought Artesiaes
 death, but her safety: But yet notwithstanding, the King
 was so over-ruled by Leonos accusations and persuasions,
 that he committed him to Prison: his Goods and Lands were
 seized upon as a Traytor; his Lady wife turned out of doors
 in poore array, and all cruelty and out-rage committed a-
 gainst his Seruants and kinfolkes; and commandment
 giuen, that none should succour the prisoner.
 Allinus being in Prison, laden with Irons and hard labour,
 yet endured that Affliction patiently: but hearing of his La-
 dies calamity, and how she was vniustly constrained to beg,
 that all her life long had bene tenderly brought up; thought
 those sorowes would some day bring her to an end; and entered
 into many bitter lamentations for her and his stone misfor-
 tune, which were too tedious to relate. His seruants were
 constrained to disguise themselves, and trauell into further
 places of the Country, to liue in hidings; otherwise, none
 would haue entertained them. His Lady was compelled to
 take her a Window-matton here, that liued in the Country:
 of whom she was entertained, and there liued a poore life;
 farre differing from her former life; which she tooke most pa-
 tiently, and without any murmur.
 And thus was Allinus house defaced; his Goods and Lands
 seized upon; his wife in prison; his estate in poore state; his
 seruants obliged to wander from place to place, ready often
 to perish for want of succour; and all his dignity turned to
 misery, and all by Leonos malice: who had no ground for
 these accusations he pled against him; but onely of a vaine
 supposall, and blind fantastick affection, that ouer-ruled his heart:
 which so much preuailed with him, that he sought by all
 means he could, his death.

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Now *Ornatu* gate shipping into *Phrygia*. How *Artesia* was
set at liberty: and how the Pyrates call Lots who should
possesse *Artesia*.



CRnatu all this while remained in the
Country of *Natolia*: with *Alprinus* and
Lucida in great grieve, for want of money
to depart into *Phrygia*, to see what was
become of his deare sonne *Artesia*. But
being a long time frustrated, he reason
none of the ships that were at Sea came
home, he began to despaire: thinking, that
Artesia supposing him to be dead, by reason of his long ab-
sence, would now marry *Lenon*: with grieve, and many o-
ther doubtfull thoughts: opprest his heart with such passion,
that he began to waile fild, and afterwarde fell into an ex-
ceeding fever, which held him for the space of three Moneths
in great extremity: which finally had abridged his dayes, had
he not bene most carefully nourished by *Lucida*, who had an ex-
pcciall care of his good, and was much contented with his
life: During which time of his sickness, certaine shippes of
Phrygia came on the Coast, as *Natolia*: some fourtene
Miles distant from the Towne: where *Ornatu* was, of
which he had intelligence by certaine Factors belonging to
Lucidaes father: which newes reviveth his spirit with
joy, before dropping with care, that with his recovery he re-
covered his former health, which greatly comforted *Alprinus* and
Lucida, whose hearts were linked into him in Bonds of un-
separable friendship: who likewise dealt so effectually for
him, that they attained waite for his passage, and furnished
him with all kind of necessaries and sufficient store of Gold to
dare his Charges.

Lucida likewise intreating her father to goe with the *Phry-
gian* Merchants for his convey, for that himselfe would not be
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known, disguising himselfe into the habit of a Pilgrim, to which kind of people might without disturbance passe vncexamined, and without molestation. And the time of his departure being come, he tooke his leave of Lucida: who tooke his departure with such exceeding sorrow, that the abundance of her flowing teares kept the passage of her speech. Alprinus likewise with many courtesies bid him farewell, and wished his prosperous successe. When departed he the confines of Natolia, where he was in so short space so well beloved, and so kindly bled, that had not his love to Artesia, and hope to find her in safety, constrained him, he could have bene contented to have spent the term of his life in that place.

The Marchants of Smyrna had not sailed many dayes, but they arrived in a Haven some tenne Miles distant from the Court, whether Ornatus determined to travell: and having taken his leave of the Marchants, and paid them their due, furnished with all things fit for his Disguise, he tooke his journey, and the first night lodged at a Village neare adjoining to his fathers Castle, the Customs of which place he well knew before, and therefore framed his behaviour accordingly. And being set at supper amongst such Queere as lodged in that house with him, the Host, named Mylo, subdaintly asked, which one of them nothing demaunded, what inward griefe made him thereto. Parry he (quoth he) if you have not already heard the newes, I will tell you so much as I know, which I would I had never knowne. Within few dayes there dwelt an ancient Knight hereby, named Allinus, exceedingly well beloved of all men, who is lately fallen into great misery, the occasion whereof is this: then did he declare the manner of all that had happened to Allinus, how Artesia was taken from him, but by whom no man knew, himselfe in prison, his goods confiscated, and his wife and servants turned out of doores, with command, that none should succour them.

Ornatus heart was so pincht with this newes, that he was ready to fall under the Table: which old Mylo and the rest noted, perceiving such a change of countenance in him, that they

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they all deemed him to be exceedingly sicke: but he feareing to discouer himselfe, told them, it was but an ordinary course with him to be so troubled.

But being unable to mitigate that passion, he rose from the Table, and gate to his Chamber: where being alone, he began to meditate the depth of these mischances, imputing the originall thereof to proceed from himselfe; that he entred into these bitter plaints: My misfortunes are without compare, and I no more miserable then any wretched thing: By my euill Destinies, Artesia was first left in misery; afterwards imprisoned, and now surprised, by those that will intend her ruine, or dishonour; my Father imprisoned, my Mother banished, and all his Lands, Riuers, Seruants, and Friends, taken from him, and he subiect to Inconueniences that is mercilesse, cruell, deceitfull, and malicious.

Onely by my folly, are these mischances befallen: Can there be any more wretched then my selfe? Hath not my Father cause to wish, that he had neuer begotten me, and my Mother, that she had neuer borne me? Hath not Artesia cause to accuse me, hate me, and so forsake me, when for my sake, by my folly and want of wiselome, she is brought to so many miseries?

What shall I doe? What remedy shall I seeke, when all things is past recure? Whom may I blame but my selfe? Is there any that is interessed in the cause of these woes, but my selfe? Lenon, Lenon, as well as my selfe, hath partured these evils: his affection to Artesia, hath caused my banishment, my Parents wee, and her losse. A travell in her search, and leave my Father in Prison, the one would be in vaine, when I know not whether she is conueyed; and the other dangerous to his safety: for Lenon, no doubt, of malice will seeke his death.

In these and such like plaints he spent most part of that night.

Early the next Morning, comming out of his Chamber, he heard a great tumult in that Village: the occasion whereof, was this. Such as were Tenants and friends to Allinus, hearing

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hearing of his brief imprisonment, and with what cruelty Lenon sought his overthrow, assembled themselves together, with purpose to intreat the King for his release; that in the end there was three hundred of them assembled. The common people, & such as were idle persons, and ready to any attempt, misconceiving their intent, and bearing a minde desirous of liberty, which they thought they were restrained from, by certaine strict Lawes the King had made, gathered vnto them, that contrary to their expectation, there was a multitude: the intent of whose assembly being demanded, they answered, that they meant to redeeme Allinus: Among whom, Ornatus in his disguise, thrust himselfe, vsing many forcible perswasions to bidge them forwards to that attempt; that they were ready to runne confusedly to the Court, not regarding danger, nor the displeasure of the King.

One of Allinus friends, named Thrasus, standing by amongst the rest, craved audience; to whom they all listened, whilst he said:

I perceiue your intent is to release Allinus, wherein you shall shew your loue to him, and doe a deed worthy to be eternized, for that he hath not at all deserved to haue such iniustice ministred vnto him: therefore be wise in this attempt, and first know, against whom you beare armes; that is, against your lawfull King, who may punish this fact with death, for that we undertake to breake those Lawes which he hath ordained.

But follow my counsell, and I will set you downe a course whereby you shall attaine your desire, and be void of any such danger, which is this: First, let vs all repayze to the Court, and humbly intreat the King for his release; if he will not grant that, then, that he would haue his cause tryed by the rest of the Peeres of the Land: Which if he also deny, then may we with good cause venture our liues in his rescue. The multitude hearing Thrasus, in signe of consent, all cryed, Thrasus, Thrasus; shall be our Captaine.

Then presently euery one with such furniture as they had, hasted to the Court, and coming together, would not seem to

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enter by force, but with a full consent yielded to Thrastus directions. Altho desired one of the Guard to certify his Majesty, that there were a number of his Subjects gathered together, with no intent of evil, but onely humbly to crave a boone at his Highnesse hand. The King being certified hereof, was much troubled in his mind, what the thing should be they would demand; and being perswaded by Lenon, would not himself come out, but send one of his Knights to demand what was their request. Thrastus declared unto him the cause of their coming, and what they demanded. Which when the King understood, being exceedingly enraged at their boldnesse, had the knight make them this answer: That he was not by his Subjects to be controlled, and therefore denied to performe the least of their demaund: commanding them presently to depart every man to their severall places, lest he punished their presumption with death. The Messenger had not scarce ended his words, but presently the unruly Multitude began to rush in at the Court gates, some carelessly running whatsoever came next hand, some breaking downe Windows, some assailing such as resisted them, and every one bent to doe mischief. The King fearing the peoples unruly Rebellion, would turne to some greater mischief, then could suddainly be prevented, and might also endanger his Person, not knowing who had instigated them thereto, with the Daene and Lenon fled. Which when Thrastus knew, calling to the Multitude, he willed them not in any wise to destroy the Kings house, nor attempt any thing moze to displease his Majesty, for that the King was departed, and he had Allinus at liberty. But notwithstanding, some bent onely to enrich themselves, spoiled the Kings Treasure, and utterly defaced the House: by which time the night drew nigh and every one began to withdraw themselves. Allinus seeing what exceeding mischief this attempt had bred, which was done contrary to his thought, and without his consent, yet thought it best not to trust to the Kings mercy, though he were never innocent: for notwithstanding that he would suppose it was done by his procurement: therefore (after Thrastus had willed

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withed the unruly multitude to depart as secretly as they could, every one to his House, to prevent further danger, and save their lives, by keeping themselves unknowne. Ornatvs and Tirasius that might without delay disguise themselves, and fled towards the Coast, to get Shipping for Armenia, whither they intended to travell.

Ornatvs was by, and beheld all this, glad of his Fathers escape, not purposing at all to discover himselfe, until he had found Artesia, in whose search he meant presently to travell: but such confused thoughts whether to direct his steps did so overwhelme his conceits, that he rested like one metamorphosed, not knowing whether he should seek her by Sea, or by Land: By Sea, he thought his labour would be in vaine; and if he should goe to find her by Land, he knew not whether she might be at Sea, and so conveyed into strange Countries. At last, rememb'ring he had heard Mylo say she was rescued from Allinus in the Desert where his Castell sed, he determined to travell thither, though he had little hope to find her there. And being come thither, sometimes bewailing her absence, accusing his hard fortune, breathing forth bitter sighes in remembrance of her losse, and renewing the remembrance of their love, he spent some three dayes in that place uttering those Plaints to the Trees and Birds, for otherwise there was none to heare him: Where for a while he will leave him.

The Pyrats having as is before sayd, taken Artesia from Allinus, and with her such wealth as they could finde about them; having withall furnished themselves with the spoyle of such Castell as fedde in those places, returned to their Shippe, and with haste hoysed sayle. The night being now past, one that was chiefe amongst the rest, named Lupraxes went downe to view Artesia, having as yet not sene her Beauty, by reason of the night: and now comming neare her, and beholding her Divine forme, his minde was presently caught with that sight, and he thought that none but himselfe should enjoy her: which tooke such efficacie, that wheteas before he intended nothing but her Dishonour, his

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mind was now altered, & he intended to vie her in most reuerent and decent sort, & not by cruelty, but courtely, to win her a queene. But beholding her frowne, and exceeding lamentation, and how impatiently she endured the extremities she was deliuered unto, continuing so many dayes with a most humble gesture, friendly countenance, and gentle speech, he said; Faire Lady, be not any thing disquieted, that you are made captiue to such as delight in spyle: for though our minds are otherwise bent to all inuincing, yet to your selfe shall no wrong be offered, for the path your beauty hath trodden in my heart, and whereas heretofore, without mercy, both I and the rest of my comforts haue not regarded the plaints, distresse, nor what wrong we haue offered either to Ladye; Damocell: yet towards your selfe is my heart altered, and my meaning honestly bent: that I assure you not only of quiet, and to be voyd of all wrong by vs to be done: but also, whereinsoeuer I may worke your will, quiet, ease, or desire, I will most willingly employ my uttermost inuents. When I beseech you mitigate these cares, banish this sorrow, and lay by your feares: for you haue no cause of care, nor occasion of feare: but rather to say, this vertue resteth in me, to alledrue and barbarous mistes to euill and hurtfull behauiour.

Artesia looking earnestly vpon him, being endued with an exceeding wit, & thinking it best to speake him faire, that vied her so kindly, sayd: Sir, I know not how to mitigate my griefe, when it increaseth: or how can I be voyd of care, vntill I should grow altogether carelesse, being only subiect to weare, and none so unfortunate as my selfe, hauing endured so many afflictions & crosses in all respects, that I know not how to assure my selfe of the least quiet: When giue me leave to continue my endlesse plaints: I do not blame me of impatience, nor think I suspect your speeches, or distrust your fidelity, if in some sort I continue my sorowes: for I haue so long continued in them, as I can better away with, the then mirth, for to me it is a stranger. Notwithstanding, my heart will harbour some quiet, if by your curtesie I may rest in security, & be sheltered from wrong. By this time they were arrived at their place of harbor, which

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was betwixt y^e hollow of two Rocks, or rather rocky Islands, where they ship lay safe frō weather; & safar vnder their shadow, y^e it could not be seen themselves conveying such wealth as they frō time to time got, in hollow Canes, of great largenes; where was all things necessary. And hauing fastned their ship, the rest of Luprates fellows called him by who came, and brought Artesia into the Cane, who beholding y^e same, was surprised with an exceeding discomfort, of euer getting from thence.

Some of the ruder sort liking Artesia, began their rude behaviour towards her; but Luprates stepping vnto them, uttered these speeches: My masters, thus long haue I liued your Captain in this place with care, respecting your good as much as mine owne, and taking but an equal share with you of such Prizes as we haue taken, and rather the least part; now onely in respect of my faith and fidelity, I request to haue this Damsell as my Prize, the rest of your Wealth take you: All doing which, you shall haue me but your guide for euer.

One of the rest, liking Artesia as well as he, and of a more rude mind, disdaining that he alone should haue her in possession, sayd: Captain, all which you say, we confesse to be true, neither hath our care been any way lesse then yours, therefore there is no reason to be you should claime any peculiar priuiledge above any of vs: besides, you know, we made a Law, & bound our selues to performe the same by Oath, which was: That none should possesse any thing, without the generall consent of vs all: When performe those conditions, and let her belong to vs all, or to the chiefest of vs, and in so doing, neither of vs shall suffice in doing. Thus began they to contend about Artesia; but Luprates desired to possesse her, and yet they were willing any should haue her but himselfe, that they were likely to mutiny and fall out: till at the last, they concluded to cast lots, and the fell to Luprates share: that was the most worthy of that priuiledge, for that he had the most worthynesse.

Thus for a time this contention ended; and Artesia was by Luprates kindly used for many dayes in the end, the other Witches began to walke, and they thought it high time to seek for more, that they determined to fetch in some, as before they had done.

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But then began Luprates to take care in whose custody to leave Artesia; lest in his absence they should use her wrong. Amongst the rest, he chose out one whom he thought fittest, and to him he committed her: by whose means, Artesia rested void of disturbance, though not void of exceeding care, that continually tormented her; fearing never to see Ornatus again, nor to be released from that place of bondage.

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How *Omoo* found refuge, and preserved her life, and how
 she was again taken from him by *Looni*; and what after-
 wards befell.

HVprates and the rest being lapped, came in the night into the prison to handle Catwell, and by chance lighted on the place where Organius habited, being directed to him, by the sound of heavy lamentations. Lupratas demanded what persons: all answered he) a most miserable; doctore in somnolent world. Organius, by misfortune, was in great extremity. When (saith he) thou art not for our company, stand with that thou reported leaving him there. Organius heart was so pressed to remember that they were the very same that had taken Anticia from Allimus; which made him presently say he had known him, and remembered that he had heard many chastisings; that they, Catwell were of the same; he desired them to take the Thieves, that with all the haste he could, he had to the next Village, and raised the Townsmen; telling them what he had seen, who presently issued out; the which when he heard he came first hand, followed them, and with some of the same, setting upon them, took them off their backs, and the rest, some were involved and put, first to the ships, and with all the haste they could, got to their Bachelors.

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Early the next morning, the inhabitants conveyed the py-
rats to the Court, who being come before the King, confessed
manner of their life, and where they lived. When Leon pre-
sently supposed, that they were the very same that had taken
Artesia from Allimus; and demanding the same of them, they
told him, that there was such a Damozell in their Cauer, and
that she told them her name was Artesia. When Leon
without delay, strongly accompanied, rode to the next Village,
and there got shipping, by the pyrats directions, to finde out
their foot. Ornatvs likewise, after he had rayled the people,
secretly followed the pyrats, unto the place where their ship
lay, and amongst the rest, entered the same: In so, by reason of
their haste and exceeding feare, regarded him not; who thrust
himselfe into that danger, I only told if Artesia were in their
custody, not reckning how his life might be endangered there-
by: But the pyrats, by Laprates directions, hasted to the ship,
and from thence took Artesia into their ship, not daring to
stay there, lest that they knew some of their followers were fol-
lowing them, might by compassion be constrained to retorne to the
place of theyr abode.

Ornatvs notwithstanding espied Artesia, but he knew her, and his
heart leapt with joy, for to see that happy sight: But he
durst not speake to her, nor scarce steele his eyes to behold her,
for feare of surpris, for that Laprates marvelled how he came
amongst them, demanding what he was, and what he made
there: I am (quoth he) a poore Pilgrim, that against
my will was by some of this company constrained to come
aboard.

Laprates believing he said true, made no further question, but
being hartly rayled from Phrygia, conveying Artesia into his
Cabin, using many speeches to comfort her.

They had not sailed many houres, but a contrary wind
began to arise, and the heavens were darkened with thicke
Clouds, and such a mighty Tempest arose, that the ship was
by violence driven backe, their maine mast broken, & the
very ship, and all in danger of destruction, had not the King
been there, for the ship driven by violence of the Sea, taw-
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ground, and there split in sunder, and the pyrats with great hazard escaped drowning; none of the, nor Luprates, once regarding Artesia: but Ornatus seeing in what perill she was, caught hold on her, and getting on to a planke, being withall some what skilfull to swim, with much adoe gat on to the firme land, and preserved her from a miserable death by drowning.

He was no sooner past danger, but Luprates would haue taken her from him: but Ornatus seeing none but himselfe there, and all the rest fled for feare, told him, since he had forsaken her in extremity, he was not worthy of her; and therefore should not haue her. Willaine (quoth Luprates) yeld her me with quiet, or else thy life shall not detain her. With that, Ornatus caught hold on a Wood, which he cleft in sunder with his scote, and with the same gaue Luprates so subdaine and deadly a wound, that the haines fell about the place, and he dyed. By this time the storme was quite ouer past; and Ornatus seeing his deare Love very weake, with feare and distemperature, by the arme led her vnto a mossie Bank, where the Sunnes bright beames had full scope to dry her garments, dopping with wet.

Artesia seeing how tenderly this stranger regarded her, and with what paine he had preserved her, when she was of all but him forsaken, being willing to shew that shee was gratefull, sayd: Sir, the paines you haue taken and friendship you haue shewne to me, deserue more thanks and recompence, then I am able to giue; and therefore I desire you to thinke, that if I were able, I would requite the same: but my misfortunes are so exceeding, that they withhold me from doing that I would; onely thanks is the small requittall I can yeld, in token of a gratefull minde, being by your meanes at more quiet, then many dayes I haue bene, though more disquieted then you would iudge: but now I rely vpon your vertues, with hope thereby to be preserved, and not driuen to further misery.

Faire Lady (quoth Ornatus) my life shall be spent in your defence; neither will I part from you, untill I haue brought you to the place which you desire: requesting you to make no doubt

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Donbts of my loyalty. I suppose your name is Artesia, because (quoth he) in my travels I haue met a Gentleman of this country, named Ornatus, of whom I learned the truth of many of your misfortunes: who I assure you is in good health. Blessed netwes (quoth he) then will I hope once againe to see my deare Ornatus, whose absence hath bene my only cause of woe.

She had scarce ended those words, but Ornatus espyed a Ship euen then come ashore where theirs was cast away, & most of the men landed, which was the Ship wherein Lenon was: who beheld the other Ship cast away, and the storme being ceased, arrived there. From whom Ornatus knew not how to hide himselfe, and Artesia not so much as thinking Lenon had bin in it, but that it was some Ship that likewise by the storme was dyinen to land there. Presently the men began to spread themselves euery way, and some of them some espyed Artesia, giuing Lenon knowledge thereof: who immediately came towards her, most kindly saluting her: but she being exceedingly dismayed with his sight, whom she most mortally hated, for very griefe, burst into teares, that in abundance gush't from her eyes.

Lenon marnelling thereat, (and little thinking how much she hated him, and how vnwelcome he was) rather expecting thanks for his paines, then reproofe, said: My deare Artesia, be not now discomfited, since there is no further cause of care; I haue most diligently laboured to release you from griefe, & neuer since Allinus by treason conueyed you from my Custody, taking your absence in great heavinesse, for that it pinched my heart to thinke you should fall into such distresse: but now that all those misfortunes are past, I beseech you goe with me to the Court, where I will labour to procure your content. Artesiaes heart was vexed to heare his speeches, that she made him this answer:

Most discourteous Lenon, none but your selfe is cause of my woe, whose sight mortally menteth me, then all the afflictions I neuer endured. Allinus carryed me indeed from the green forrest, not by treason, but to shelter me from dishonour, which

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you did intend, else would you not haue suffered me to en-
dure such misery as I did by my helth keper. Think you
I haue cause either to thinke you intend my good, or take any
comfort by your presence, when you steelely disquiet me, not suf-
fering me to enjoy my liberty, but would perforce constrain
me to that I cannot like. Had you left mee in Adellenaes
house, then had I not fallen into such misery, as since that I
haue endured; no: Allinus for his vertue, haue bene brought
to pauer by: that being before my possessed enemy, seeing my
misery, it so mollified his heart, that he hath pittied me, and
sought my liberty, and only by cruelty, not by iustice, haue you
sought his overthrow. When I beseech you leaue me here, for
I had rather endure the hazard of my misfortune, then liue
to be tormented with your impotency. Lenon was so ama-
zed to heare her vnkind reply, little thinkings had bene so
much out of her fauour, that he could not tell what to say;
sometimes thinking to leaue her there, and utterly to forsake
her: but that thought was soon overcome, by his affection or
violent King of desire, to enjoy her loue, that once againe he
said: Wherefore do you regard my good with no more, then
for my paines to yeld me rebukes, and for my loue, dis-
daine? That I caused you to be brought from Adellenaes
house, was, for that being there, you were subiect to many
misfortunes. And if I imprisoned Allinus, it was for that I
supposed him your enemy, and feared he would haue done you
wrong: so that whatsoeuer I did with intent of good, you re-
pay me with dislike, and conuert all my doings to the worst
meaning; wherein you shew your selfe so cruell, that will not
yeld me the least fauor; for my constant loue, O Artesia be not
so hard-hearted. Artesia, notwithstanding many faire promi-
ses, vntoes, and protestations he made, would not yeld to goe
with him, but desired rather that he would leaue her there.
Lenon told her, though not for his sake, yet for her safety, it
were best for her to goe: which sayd, he commanded his ser-
uants to place her in a litter. Whiche when she saw she
must needs doe, she called to Ornatus, saying: Good Palmer
goe along with me, that for the kinnesse you haue shewed
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in preserving my life, I may yield you some recompence. And (quoth she) to Lenon I request nothing of you for my selfe, but for this strange Pilgrim, who when by the storme of ship was cast a way, I ready to perish, caught me out of the water, and preserved my life; and doe not for his good will to me, use him as you do my dear Syluan, whom you banished, for that she preserved my life from my vnkind Uncle: with that, she wept exceedingly. When Lenon asked Ornatus what he was, I am (quoth he) as you see, a Pilgrim, that was forced to come aboard the Pyrates ship, and (amongst the rest) was ready to perish, but that by the Divine Providence I was ordained to preserve that vertuous Damocles life. For that deed, quoth Lenon, I will reward you most kindly: therefore goe along with vs. When they all departed to the Court.

Lenon presently caused Artesia to be lodged in a most sumptuous place in the Court, appointing viuers Damocles to attend her, thinking by those means to win her to consent to loue him, but all proved vaine; his care was cast away, his gift to little effect, and his kinnesse disregarded. For Artesia was so constant to Ornatus, that she hated Lenon: for her heart was wholly imployed to wish his good, and Lenons ill: for she determined neuer to loue him, though she was assured of Ornatus death: That she spent her time in continual care & sadness, shewing no signe of ioy, no shew of comfort, but euen as one that regarded no rest, no took felicity in any thing: that Lenon both admired the same, and laboured by many meanes to alter that humour: but the more he sought to please her, the more she was displeased, and more discontented at his kindnesse, then any thing else: In this sort she continued many dayes, without the least shew of alteration.

Ornatus all this while remaining in the Court, making the cause of his stay, to receiue Lenons promised reward, whereas indeed he stayed to see what would become of Artesia, or by what meanes to get her from thence. To effect which, he saw no possible meanes, nor could in many dayes come to see Artesia; which filled his heart with griefe: onely comforting himselfe, with remembling her constant loyalty. And one day he

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ing by himselfe alone, he entred into these cogitations. Ornatus thou hast remained many dayes in this place, kept from thy Loue & sought no means to set thy heart at rest, or her at liberty. Dost thou make no more account of her loue, then to attempt nothing to attaine the same? Or are thy spirits of no more courage, that they will doe nothing? thy wit so shallow, thou canst devise no stratageme: or thy minde so cowardly, thou darest not reuenge the wrong Lenon doth thee? What though he be the Prince, and heire of this Land: is not both he and his father hated, ruling by Usurpation; & with cruelty, not with justice, hath sought the downfall of thy House? Can Artesia thinke eyther valour or vertue to rest in thee, when she shall know how neare thou art her foe, but darest not touch him? will she not esteeme thee a coward, & bemoor thy to enjoy her loue? nay, when she knoweth this, will she not alter her loue? Why shouldst thou not seeke thy owne content, though it be with his discontent? Thou art euery way as good as he by birth, though he now rule the Land. Hath not thy father sayd, That his father was but a Captaine in the last Kinges dayes, and by Treason put his lawfull King to death, and so won the Rule? When Ornatus reuiue thy spirits, seeme not dismayed with any danger, feare not misfortune, seek to release thy Loue, and venture thy life therein: for living thus, thou shalt be deprived of her loue: Lenon will by force or faire means overcome her: and then mayst thou blame this delay. The King is now sick, and he being dead, Lenon must raigne, who then may doe what he list: When take the advantage of the time, and doe not frustrate thy blessed hopes with foolish delay.

Having ended this meditation, he then began to study how to perfoyme his will, wherein he found many contrarieties: but presently he beheld Lenon entring the Court, before whom he stood so opposite, that he could not chuse but note him, & with all, remembered how earnestly Artesia had intreated him on the Pilgrims behalfe, whom he thought she esteemed: & therefore suddenly this cogitation arose in his fancy, to vse him as an instrument to win her loue: that calling Ornatus vnto him, he said: Pilgrim, I pray thee blame me not, for forgetting to perfoyme

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my promise made to Artesia, as concerning this, which I have not neglected for want of good will, but by reason of thousands of cares that day torment me, only procured by her unkindnesse: but if thou wilt undertake on my behalfe, to perswade her to yeld to my last request, so that I think thou maist please with her above any, I will not only reward thy former kindnesse to the tune to her, but also for thy paines herein, promote thee to high dignity: therefore I pray thee give consent to follow my counsell herein. Ornatus was willing to be employed in that business, which fell out according to his hearts desire, and therefore made him this answer: My noble Lord, for that I perceine your intent is good, I will be ready to follow your directions, & do you any service I can: wherein I know not whether I shall prove fortunate, or no, but assuring you that I will deale both faithfully & effectually in that which I shall undertake, Lenon was as glad as he, that he yielded to do that which he thought least to performe, and therefore presently gave command, that the Pilgrim only should have her in custody. Artesia marvelled that her keepers were charged with doubting some intent of hard usage: but seeing it was the Pilgrim that now had her in custody, her heart was comforted.

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How Ornatus had the custody of Artesia: how he discovered himselfe unto her. How Allinus and Thrasus arrived in Armenia, and got the King to send Embassadors into Phrygia.



Ornatus at his first coming found her sitting in the darkest corner of the Chamber, bewailing her misfortune with salt teares bedewing her purple cheekes: her Ornaments disorderly put on, and her golden Armes hanging carelesly downe, which added beautie to her sweet beautie, and though disordered, most comely: leaning her arme upon a Chaire, and her Cheeke layd upon the backe of her hand.

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When he beheld her sitting in this vntcomforable sort, his heart was ready to melt with remorse, and he breathed forth so bitter a sigh, that she heard the same; which he perceiving, came towards her, with humble behaviour saying:

Most vertuous Lady, pardon my presumption, in presuming thus vnmanly to interrupt your quiet; Leon hath appointed me to be your attendant: therefore I beseech you (notwithstanding I am his substitute) command me in any dutifull sort, & I will most willingly employ my uttermost endeoures, to purchase your content. Arcelia rayling her selfe from the ground, sayd: Pilgrim, I thanke you for your kinde proffer, and am glad you are my keeper, for thoo causes: one, for that I trust your vertues will not suffer me to be injured: the other, for that I would heare out your discourse of my deare friend Ornatius, which I was hindered from by Leon's sudden finding me. Lady (quoth he) you shall be assured of the one, and heare more of the other, if first you will discharge, without offence, to heare my speech, and suffer me to execute the charge which hath giuen me, and I haue undertaken, to do by what is comend (quoth Arcelia) I will not be offended: Leon hath made knowne to me his loue, and how long, & with what constancy it is grounded, commanding & intreating me in his behalfe to become an humble suitor vnto you: he telleth me, that will you vngently disdaine him, without cause, reason, or consideration: therefore I humbly desire, both for that he is constant, a Prince and of good vertuous gifts, vnto to his loue, or else satisfie me of the chiefeest reasons that with-hold you from the same.

Pilgrim (quoth she) for that my minde perswadeth me, you in wisdome will conceiue of reason, and will be satisfi'd in conceiuing that which I shall disclose, I answer you thus: First, about Leon's loue me (yet by his usage, I finde the contrary) I cannot satisfie you, for that I already haue plighted my faith to another more worthy than himselfe, which is that most vertuous and kind Gentleman Ornatius, whose like will equalleth me in affection: and therefore I should dishonour my name, to keepe my faith, and reape perpetual infamy, if I should thereto my selfe to inconstant. These I thinke are reasons

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reasons (to a reasonable creature) sufficient and of such force,
as none can contradict: and therefore no more can he say
therein. Besides, were not all this so, you have no reason to
persuade me to that which I have so often denied, and will
never yield unto. Your reasons indeed (quoth he) are great,
and the cause such, as should no way be violated: but now you
are subject to his mercy, and he may enforce you to that which
you are most unwilling to have done: then what remedy
have you, but rather to yield, then endure such extremity as he
may see. For (quoth she) when I can please my selfe no
longer from his lust, death shall rid me from his power, which
I will execute upon my selfe, rather then condescend to yield
him so much as an outward shew of favour. Therefore I pray
you be no more words tending to the breach of my faith, and
furtherance of his love: for know you but how hateful his
name were unto me, and how odious to thinke of his doing
love, you would not neede doubt to torment me with the thought
of that odious matter: but rather let me to comfort my dis-
tressed estate, and peace mine heart, almost drowned with
sorrow, being more unfortunate, then ever any was, by these
afflictions, and the love of my deare Ornatus, whose pleasure
should release me from this thralldome, and labyrinth of dis-
content. Whom, if you can tell me any thing, I beseech
you impart them unto me, thereby to add comfort to my
griefe.

Ornatus was so ravished to heare her utter such heavenly
speeches, that he had much ado to refrain from embracing
her, uttering these speeches: How happy is Ornatus, by ac-
quainting the love of so true and constant a Lady, worthy
to be admired, eternized, and ever to be honoured: what com-
fort may this everlasting love bring to his heart: what con-
solation can he not receive in this, inured to love, and a
chaste safety, and what paines should he refuse to procure her
honour and glory. Quoth she, divine Artesia! Ornatus is not
good to equal his fortune nor my desert: he is not
worthy to be loved, and I am not worthy to be loved. In
this, I am more than full enough. In your heart is the harbor

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of true loyalty, grounded upon vertuous love: then how happy is he, by being enriched and possesse with such a love: His reward is greater then his paine: his pleasure more then euer his sorrow could be; his gaine a thousand times beyond his losse. And by should I then conceale the truth of his safety from you: With that, he says; Behold Artesia, your Ornatus: with that he discovered himselfe unto her, and she perfectly knew him, being almost amazed with that heavenly sight; when with a sweete behaviour, they both embraced each other, intermingled their kisses with teares of joy, that in abundance distilled from their eyes: surfeiting so much in that sweet delight, that they were loth to part, but that feare to be espied, compelled them; taking such exceeding comfort in each others presence, as is not to be exprest: withall vnto many kindneses, vnto all betwixt faithfull friends, to expresse their joy: he sometimes embracing her, and she againe with a sweet kisse welcomming him; being so kind, so kind, and hearty, as would aske a skillfull description. At last, hauing somewhat recreated themselves, and with iubilant joy vntill some part of their eare, they thought it time to study how to procure their happinesse, least the same might againe be cross by Denon; who by that time expected to heare from him. Therefore Ornatus said: My most deare and kind Artesia, by whose love my life is preserved, I am not able to expresse the joy my heart conceiveth by this fortunate meeting, being likewise as sorry to thinke of the mistakinge you haue incurred by my carelesse oversight, and how to get you from this place, and from Denons affection, whom I know to be of such vncivill disposition, that he will leaue no vniuersall meanes vntempted to further his intent.

Therefore in this urgent extremity, if you will be contented to esteem me as your friend, and follow my directions, I will labour all that I can to get you from this place. My true friend Ornatus (said Artesia) I haue dedicated my selfe to your disposition, and made my selfe all one with you both in heart, body and minde: that what neuer you would wish your selfe, you doe to me, and what soeuer pleaseeth you, cannot displease me; so, I

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am your selfe: therefore I commit all things to your wis-
dome, and rest to be ruled, counselled, and ordered by you. in
whatsoever you shall thinke convenient, and will doe any thing
you shall counsell me vnto, both for our escape from hence, or
otherwise: accounting my blisse yours, and yours mine; your
care mine, and your quiet my content.

Lenons loue is most hatefull vnto me, and injury to you:
then what meanes can you worke, to rid me of that, and re-
venge your owne wrong, perforce, for my consent is ready to
yeeld to any thing you shall thinke convenient.

I most humbly thanke you, said Ornatus, & first I thinke this
is the best course, to procure my good liking with him, and to
rid vs from hence, that at his next coming you shew a little
more friendly countenance vnto him, then heretofore you haue
done, as shall best agree with your wisdom; and he perceiving
that my seruice hath done more for him then euer he could at-
tain, wil not only credit me, but also be ruled by me in any thing
I shall counsell him vnto: which if you will perform, commit
the rest to me. My deere Ornatus, at your request I wil do this,
which otherwise I would neuer of my self yeeld vnto; for that
my loue to you, & hate to him, would not suffer me so much to
dissemble: but I pray God deliuer me wel from forth his pow-
er, that I may in quiet enjoy your sweet company. These spe-
ches being ended, they parted with a sweete kisse, he sighing &
she for griefe shedding teares. Not long after, Lenon came
to Ornatus, requesting to know whether he had preuailed any
thing with Artesia in his behalfe. My Lord, quod he, I haue be-
sed many perswasions to her, which in some sort haue preuailed;
but hereafter I do not doubt but by my perswasions to win
her full consent, if you with wisdom will be directed by me,
and not with rashnesse marre all: therefore goe in vnto her,
but not too rashly, and see if she be not altered. Lenon imbrac-
ed him in his armes, saying: Thou bringest me tidings of ex-
ceeding comfort, for which I will reward thee most bounti-
fully. With that, he gaue him a Purse of Gold: which Or-
natus tooke, thinking that should bee a meanes to further
him, and hinder the giuer. Lenon entred Artesias Chamber,

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using many kinde speeches, and submisſe behaviours, whom he vied more kindly then euer he had before done; which both filled his heart with ioy, and made him, according to the Pilgrims directions more carefull of his behaviour, lest by any boldnesſe he might offend her: that hauing paſt ſome ſmall time with her, he departed.

Now was Ornatus knowing how to releaſe Artelia; to further his intent, the occaſion thus fell out: Allinus and Thraſus, as is before ſaid, gat ſhipping for Armenia, and arrived there with ſafety; and directing their courſe to the Kings Pallace, where Allinus was moſt honourably entertained, being ſomewhat aſſed to the King, to whom he declared both the cauſe of his exile, and the injury done to him by Theon, King of Phrygia. Turbulus the Armenian King, comforted him all that he could, and bad him withall requeſt any thing at his hands & he would graunt it him. Allinus alledging many things to perſwade Turbulus to ſecond his requeſt, requested him to ſend Embaſſadors into Phrygia, either to requeſt performance of certaine Articles, or elſe to give him open defiance for warre. The Articles were theſe: That Allinus ſhould be reſtored to his lands, and the damage and loſſe he had ſuſtained ſhould be repayed to the full: That his wife ſhould be recalled from baniſhment; and that he ſhould paye by Artelia to Allinus, if ſhe ſhould be in his cuſtody: & that the K. and Lenon ſhould be ſworne to performe all this. Turbulus was eaſily won, and therefore preſently ſent foure of his Noblemen as Embaſſadors, to requeſt the performance of thoſe conditions: who euen at that inſtant were landed in Phrygia, and newes thereof brought to the Court. The King being himſelfe ſomewhat ſickly, ſent Lenon to meete them, and give them entertainment; who was loth to go from Artelias ſight: but aſſuring himſelfe of the Pilgrims faith, committed her wholly to his cuſtody. Ornatus thought it now the fitteſt time to ſeek to eſcape but he was hindered by other of Lenons ſeruants, whom he had ſecretly appointed, as ouerſeers, to looke into the Pilgrims action: that it was impoſſible for him to attempt any thing that way, but it muſt needs both be diſcovered, and prevented.

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Ornatus seeing himselfe disappointed of his purpose that way, made Artesia acquainted with what he intended, and how he was prevented, spending the time of Lenons absence continually in her company.

Lenon having met the Armenian Embassadors, brought them to the Court; where they were honourably entertained: and having declared there Embassage, Thæon the King told them, they should receive answer within two dayes. Lenon hearing the Articles, counselled his Father not to yeld to per-
forme any such Conditions, but rather to send Turbulus defiance. For (quoth he) your Majesty is as absolutely a King of Phrigia, as he of Armenia: and then what dishonour were it unto you, to scope to his command, & shew your selfe as it were, afraid of his threats: for to binde your selfe to this, were to become his subject: which would soone be published thzough the whole world, to your dishonour. The King being over-ruled by his perswasions, gaue the Embassadors this answer, That he meant not to performe the least of those Articles they demanded, nor feared theyr Kings threats of warre, for y he was able to deale with a mightier foe then he: vsing many other words, and some of reproach; that the Armenians denouncing open warre, according as they were commanded, departed.

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How *Ornatus* staying too late in *Artesias* chamber, was accused by *Lenons* seruants whom he slew. How *Allinus* with a band of *Armenians* landed in *Phrigya*: and how *Ornatus* was imprisoned.



Haon knew, that the King of Armenia would performe his word, and therefore gaue Lenon charge to muster by men throughout the whole Land; committing the chiefe charge of the Army, and ordering of these affaires, unto him: who more hardy-bold then wise, undertooke all; and within short space had gathered an exceeding great Army, and furnished certaine ships, to meet with the Armenians by sea: If it might be possible, to vanquish them befoze they should land.

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These troubles filled the Commons hearts with griefe, and theyr mouthes with murmurings: for they vnderstanding, that the King of Armenia did offer warre to Phrygia, in y^e behalfe of Allinus, that was generally beloued; there was few of those that were prest to those warres, but came vnwillingly, and rather by constraint, being moze readie to turne theyr sword points against Tharon, then against Allinus.

Ornatus likewise hearing of these warres, by his wisdom found out the opinion of the multitude, and with what vnwillinglesse they came to the warres: which when he was in some sort assured of, he came to the Campe, and amongst all the rest of his familiars, espied Phylastes, who alwayes loued him most dearely; him he knew to be of a most faithfull and constant resolution, in performing his promise, and was by Lenon appoynted one of the chiefeest Leaders. Ornatus finding him remote from the Campe, came to him, & after salutation, said: Sir Phylastes, I am sent vnto you by a dear friend of yours, named Ornatus, who trusteth so much in your vertues, that he is willing to put his life into your hands; which you shall hazard, in denying him one smal fauor, which with safety you may grant: first therefore, I request but your promise for your warrant, & then I will declare what I haue in charge.

My friend (quoth Phylastes) thou tellest me newes of wonder, when thou sayest thou comest from Ornatus, whom I feare is long since dead; but if thou knowest the contrary, and canst resolue me thereof, I promise and sweare to performe whatsoeuer thou shalt demand: for I am sure Ornatus knoweth that I loue him, nor maketh any doubt thereof; which if he doe, he intureth that loue and friendship that hath past betwene vs.

Then kinde sir (quoth he) that Ornatus is not dead, but in safety; and I am that Ornatus that notwithstanding my speech, make no doubt of your loue.

Phylastes beholding his countenance, knew him well, and for ioy caught him in his armes: My deare friend Ornatus (quoth he) I am glad of your safety; and accursed be my soule, if I doe not any thing that you shall command.

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I thanke you (quoth Ornatus.) To enter into the tedious discourse of my Afflictions, would be tedious; but in few words I will tell you all. I loued Artesia long, but found no hope nor meanes to attayne my loue: which made me disguise my selfe into Romans apparell, naming my selfe Sylvian, and was fortunately entertained by Arbastus; whose death I found to be acted by Floretus: who falling into loue with me, told me, for my sake he would payson Artesia at the Lodge; whither he conueyed her. I fearing to haue her taken from me, and hauing wonne her loue, told her his intent, & conueyed her to Adellenas house: then Floretus & Lenon came thither, demanding her of me; whom I told, I had paysoned her, according to his counsell: we strining, were brought before Thason, who banished me into Nacolia; from whence I came backe, and by good fortune haue the keeping of Artesia in this disguise: the manner I will tell you at more leisure. Now my deare friend Phylastes, my desire is, to change my place with you; you to haue the custody of Artesia, in my Palmers Woods, and I to march into the field in your Armour: which if you graunt, you shall binde me unto you for euer.

Phylastes yelued to fulfill his request: and so for that time they parted, appoynting to meete the next day.

Ornatus being come to Artesia, told her where he had been, and what he intended; which made Artesia sad, dissuading him from his purpose in this sort: My deare Loue, what need you venture your person in the dangers that are incident to warre? will you leaue me here in doubt, and not rather stay with me, to my comfort? There are enow besides, & too many in the field, and Phylastes is able to execute his owne place. When I beseech you, doe not leaue me in discomfort: for how can I be bove of care, when I shall thinke you are amongst so many enemies, ready to be slaughtered? My deare Loue, (quoth he) that which I will doe, shall be without any hazard at all, but shall procure both yours and mine owne content: When I beseech you, remit this care for my safety; for I will preferue my selfe from danger, for your sake. Besides, Phylastes hartue is such, that you need not once so much as thinke
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amisse of him, who I know would venture his life for my sake. Besides, my honour bygeth me, revenge of iniuries done to your selfe and me, and my fathers safety, are reasons sufficient to perswade your consent: besides many other causes, more forcible then these, too tedious to recite. When I beseech you deny me not: for when it shall be knowne, that my father was in armour in the field, and I in this place not regarding to ayde him, it will turne to my great dishonour: & those which before did esteeme well of me, will then begin to hate me: then let not your doubt & true love to me hinder my determination, for on y^e mine honoz, your safety, & my fathers life dependeth.

Artelia seeing she could by no meanes dissuade him, thought not to let him depart so suddenly: but clasping her tender armes about his necke, a thousand times kissed his lips, & with her abundant of teares she bedewed his manly cheekes. Ornatius took great sorrow at her heavinesse, and delight in her intymacies, that the contrarieties of his conceits were exceeding pleasure (it selfe feeding more pleasant, interrupted with care, and care a pleasure, to be remoued with such delight. Artelia was loth to let Ornatius depart that night, for that she deemed he should be in danger the next day, and by he was unwilling to leave her in sorrow: then the one side following her selfe in his company, he by her kindnesse making him forget to depart: that before they were awake, night was come, and well spent: and Ornatius then beginning to be false thought it was too late to depart. And Artelia hearing him make a motion to be gone, desired him to stay: And yet my deare Ornatius (quoth she) now not in danger your selfe for my sake: for I shall send my servants to see you yet: it might redound to our great misfortune: Ornatius likewise well considering the incontinence, to keepe his leave of her, and left her shedding abundance of teares. Ornatius being gone, found the servants awake, and watching his coming out, one of them saying: Wilgim, what maketh the lord to sleepe, his count my Masters Window? Is this or so late, as the night is in her Chamber? By what shall I knowe your behiour, and what familiarities betwixt you and me take you

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you to be some counterfeit, else would not such behaviours
 passe betwixt you, as we have heeld, therefore, that
 you shal knowe we give him knowledge of your cunning,
 and fidelity: with that, they lockt fast the doore, not suffering
 him to goe out again. Ornatvs by that perceived, that they had
 some the kindnesse betwixt him and Artesia, which he knewe
 Lenon should understan, he would knowe what he was:
 these thoughts troubled his heart exceedingly, that he was as-
 surd, but he could be rid of them, there was no meanes to
 escape death, if Lenon should know him. With these studies
 he sat a good while silent, till he perceived them to come to bed,
 and callt his eye aside, stopt a still hanging by the wall,
 to which he stole secretly, and taking hold of the same, he crept
 towards them, entering into their meditations: And thus I
 now commit murder, and endanger my soule, by so hazardous
 a tyme: what will Artesia say if she knowe thou art so blood-
 thirsty, and that thy heart is so hard, as to thinke thou
 countst mens blood: Ornatvs he was troubled before thou did
 this deed, and bethinke of some other meanes: Alas the dan-
 ger thou art ready to fall into. Other meanes Ornatvs had, but
 what other meanes had he none at all, yett thou not see how
 they have betrayed thee, and made thee prisoner: what canst
 thou make a question to save thy selfe, and by their means
 preserve thine own life, which they living will be enuoyed,
 yett and being once done thou art safe: but he delayd, for some
 distance verily, with that lifting up his armes with more
 then wonted force, he smote the one on the head, and beat out
 his braines, whereof the other began to sweate, but in his
 sweating he smote him so full on the head, that the skull burst
 in bones, he lay breathlesse sprawling in his gore, and thus
 Ornatvs found a way into the same he committed their head
 haire, expressing meanes to revenge what he had done. Then re-
 turning he bethought himselfe of the force of the sword, that he
 had thrust into the wall, and with their bodies bent, he went to
 cut off another situation of the deed he had done, that he was
 defeated to take the wall, by maine force, and after striking:
 downe a sword, the locks, his murther being exceedingly ar-
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frighted with these cares, he entred into Arceſias Chamber, to ſee whether he had diſquieted her or no with the noyſe: her he found in bed and ſafe aſleep, with the light ſtill burning by her beds ſide, her breaſts unconcerned doſene to her waſte, & nothing to ſhew her from his perfect view, but the ſingle ſheete, that lay careleſſy caſt over her tender body, her armes caſt to either ſide of the bed, and her head leaning on the one ſide, with ſo ſweet an aſpect, as would have ravished a thouſand beholders. Onatus heart was ſo ravished to behold this ſweet ſight, & the remembrance thereof, had baniſhed all remembrance of his troubles paſt, and affected his heart with incomparable delight: that he ſtood like one amazed, to behold her ſweet beauties, and to take a ſurprizing view of thoſe her perfections. So amiably laid forth. Arceſia ſuddenly awaking, bluſht to ſee him ſo nigh yet therewith more choſtened then diſmayed, ſhe caught the cloth, and covered her ſelfe, whileſt he ſolding his hand in her ſweet ſide, ſaid ſome words to his boldneſſe, but ſhe ſmiling him well, beheld his pale and ſadly countenance, which ſhewed her ſuch ſcare, & raising her ſelfe upright in her bed, caught him in her armes, asking what he meapt, to ſee ſo pale: By which Arceſia ſaid, he ſince I parted from you, I have endured great danger, & ſuffered much ſorrow, & ſuffered many calamities, which make I ſhew ſuch ſadneſſe, that he ſat her downe ſafely into her ſweet ſide, & ſhe made the period of his ſpeech. Feeling her tender heart part with the motions of her troubled ſpirits: in which ſtate he reſted it a good while, whileſt ſhe with her ſoft hand chiled his face, & with ſweet words, comforted his ſide, ſaying many ſweet ſentences, & ſentences proceeding from the depth of his love. Whereunto Onatus was ſo ravished, that he would ſpeak he ſhould comfort therein, but alſo deſired a farther content, & poſſeſſion of her love, which he never before asked, nor thought the world, nor yet being deſired by the ſweetneſſe of her love, he was ſo ſatisfied. Whileſt ſhe perceived that he ſat ſo nigh, & ſo ſweetly, ſhe ſaid ſome words to him, ſaying ſome ſentences, by her ſelfe ſaid, ſhe was ſo ſatisfied, with a kind & lonely beholding, ſhe both blam'd and praiſed him: but the motions of affection ſo far prevailed upon them both, that he deſired, & ſhe inwardly yielded, though

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outwardly she refused; but his behaviour, her own love, the present occasion, so fit opportunity, their hearts unity, and other sweet inticements, so far prevailed, that she yielded up her spotted body, & pure chastity, to his possession: and the triumph of his attempt, dissolved her Virgin soane, giving full interests of her heart, love, and body, to him, that pursued the possession of those riches with earnestnesse. Sometimes blushing, sometimes shynking, and yet yielding; denying, and yet granting; willing, and unwilling: yet at last she gave that she could not recall, and let him possess her spoile virginity. Which being past her heart panted with emotion, & she felt her senses sad; a little repenting, yet not altogether sorry, sighing so; sadnesse, and yet not sad at all: whilest he bathed himselfe in that haunch of blisse; passing the rest of that night in such unspeakable pleasure, as cannot be described. Early the next morning he arose, taking his farewell with a sweet adieu, leaving Artesia sad for sorrow, and lamenting his absence, but yet with earnest and hearty prayers, invoking his happy successe: bathing her heart, in lake warme teares, thinking she had bene too prodigal of her favours to him, & yet esteeming him worthy of a thousand times a greater gift, if she had it in her possession: with repentance rejoycing, though damning her selfe metamorphosed, and other then she wont to be; being glad she had no more company to converse withall, least her guilt should make her blush, & so bewray her fault. And when Phoebus began to lighten the Chamber with his splendour, she hid her selfe within the bed, as if the day light had accused her of what she had done in the dark. Ornatus being come to the Camp, found out Phylastes, and brought him to Artesias lodging: by the way instructing him how to order their business when Lenon should come. Where being entred, Phylastes having saluted Artesia & a while conversed about their affaires, they changed their habits: Ornatus with many a sorrowfull sigh, taking his leave of her whilest his heart bled warme drops of blood. Ornatus againe took his leave of Artesia, & entred the Camp, framing himselfe to such kind of behavior, that he was of all taken for Phylastes. News came, that the Armenians were landed, and had brought

brought their forces within a dayes march of Throns Camp, the King assembled all the chiefe Leaders together, to appoint every man his charge, and consult what to doe. Ornatius in Phylastes stead, had under his charge foure thousand men whom, by his owne feeling, he was appointed to conuey into a Wood, that it was fitt to offend the enemy: and the rest appointed to other places, that seemed for most advantage. Ornatius having his souldiers alone, thought it time to execute what he intended, and therefore called unto him such as were Captaines and chiefe under him, offering these speeches: Fellow souldiers, I would willingly offer my minde, which is troubled in some sort with remembrance of the iniuries Allinus hath already causelesly endured, against whom now wee aduise our selves to fight: wherein, in my minde, we deale humbly: for he was neuer Traytor to his country, nor notwithstanding to disturbe the land with oppression; but onely to claime his owne inheritance and liberty, which our selves doe permit: therefore I thinke it best before wee draw our weapons, to consider against whom we draw them, and whom we offend: one that loveth vs his Country and people, and would not willingly shed a drop of our blood. Now, if I could find a remedy for all this, which standeth with equity, would you follow my directions? With that, they all at once said, they would be ruled by him. Then he saith, Thron that is now our King, destroyed all his family, such as are in any degree here due to him in blood. The last of whom is Allinus, whose utter ruine he now seeketh, not by iustice, but that neither he nor any of his progeny should hinder his succession: Therefore, if you will follow my counsell, when the Armies are met, let vs not offer to offend the Armenians, but keep our selves from fight, till Lenon be righted therewith, & hearing the peoples revolt, will peradventure yield to performe the Articles the Armenian Embassadors demanded; & by this meanes shall we restore Allinus to his right, save the effusion of blood, and yet not lose our reputation. The people hearing his speeches, generally gave their consent: crying, Phylastes, Phylastes. With that, Ornatius bestowed the Gold among them that Lenon had

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had befoze giuen him, which presented with the multitude exceedingly. Ornatus hauing needed this according to his desire, went vnto the Armenian Campe, desiring to speake with Allinus the Generall: to whom he declared what he intended in his behalfe, not discouering himselfe to be any other then Phylastes: for which, Allinus yielded him many hearty thanks. Whilest Ornatus was absent, a Captaine named Ortonus, drawne by desire of reward, and aboue the rest fauouring Lenons party, stole from the wood, and coming into y^e Campe to Lenon, betrayed what Phylastes intended, and told that he was now gone to the Armenians Campe, to conferre with Allinus. Lenon hearing that, thought it best not to send for him by warrant, but amongst the rest, to assembl him to counsell, and to that effect, sent a Herauld. Ornatus being returned had knowledge of the generall Assembly, and willingly went, little suspecting what Lenon intended: and being entred the Campe, and Lenons Tent, he was befoze all the Estates, by a Herauld arrested of high Treason. Ornatus then thought his intent was betrayed, demanding what they could lay to his charge. Whereupon Ortonus, befoze them all, declared what he had done; which he could not deny: vpon which accusation, he was presently sent to the Court, and there imprisoned.

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How Ornatus was deliuered out of prison, and carried Artesia from the Court. How Ornatus in a single Combat overcame Lenon, and caused Theons flight: And how Artesia, to escape Theon, fled to Adellenas house.



He newes of Ornatus imprisonment was soone blazed through the whole Camp, Court, & Country, & at last came to Artesias hearing: who with exceeding lamentations bewayled his misfortune: but Phylastes coming vnto her, comforted her all y^e he could: promising to set Ornatus at liberty, if (quoth he) at Lenons next coming, you will request his Signet, to keepe as his warrant for your safety.

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The next day the Armes should meet: and therefore Lenon that night visited Artesia; and finding her very sad, demanded the cause thereof: By Lord (quoth she) how can I be otherwise then sad, when I am ready every houre to fall into more miserie; not knowing, whether your life may be endangered by these Warres, and I thereby subject to some misfortune: therefore, in signe you love me, graunt me your Signet, to be my warrant and priuiledge, against all iniurie that may be offered me: With that she kist him; which she had neuer before done: not by any good will, but with desire to helpe Ornatus. Lenons heart was so ouercome, that he presently gaue her the same; staying some time with her to intreat her consent to his loue. He was no sooner gone, but Phylastes taking the King of Artesia, went vnto the place where Ornatus was, and comming to the Gaoler, told him, that he must deliuer Phylastes to his custody; shewing him the Princes Signet as his warrant. The Gaoler seeing the same, & knowing that the Pilgrim was of great credit and trust with Lenon, made no doubt, but presently deliuered Ornatus vnto him; both departing together, to Artesia: who seeing her beloued so fortunately deliuered, shed teares of ioy for his escape. After salutations in the kindest sort past, Ornatus declared what he intended, and how he was betrayed by Ortonus. Phylastes then counselled Ornatus, that night to conuey Artesia from thence, vnto some place of better securitie: who sometimes thought to carry her to Adellenas house: but he thought Lenon would misdoubt that place. At last he concluded, to conuey her to her Castle, where Arbastus her father dwelt: which was still kept to her vse, by certaine of her fathers seruants: Both Artesia and Phylastes liked this well; and therefore leauing the Court, they departed thitherwards. Artesia not wonted to trauell, could scarcely endure to hold out: but by theire helpe, they arrived there at midnight: and knocking, awaked the Porter: who looking over the Battlements, demanded who was below at that unreasonable time of the night: my friend, quoth Ornatus, it is Artesia, that cometh in time of her most need, for harbor in this place. The Porter viewing her well by the bright light

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light Cynthia, knew her, and calling by the rest of his fellows, came running doone, and opened the gate: where he and the rest received her in with great ioy.

Ornatvs was glad of this happy escape: but yet exceeding sad, that he could not assist his father against Lenon, but that he must perforce be absent from his rescue: which filled his heart with such care, that all that night he could take no rest: and though he enjoyed Arctasias company without controule, he could harbor no rest or quiet to his distempered thoughts: that Phylactes demanded the cause of his sadness. My assured friend Phylactes (quoth he) the remembrance of my fathers estate and loss of his mis-hap, maketh me thus sad: and griefes exceeding to ment possesseth me, that I cannot be present to aide him against Lenon, that by cowardly malice, not with valour, will seeke his ruine before any others: O, were I but present to defend him, though I offend none, my heart would be at quiet. Arctasia hearing his speeches, said: Good Ornatvs, doe not againe hazard your selfe, as you lately did, for had not fortune and Phylactes wisdom assisted vs, both your life, and with it mine, had bene cast away. My deare Arctasia (quoth he) that misfortune hath taught me wisdom, and by remembering it, I will beate to vnder my mischances, and thus when I think: therefore, I beseech you, grant, I may once againe goe, to doe my duty in saving my father: which I will now doe without danger, for that I will make none point to that I intend, nor attempt more then I am able to performe. Arctasia seeing how fully he was bent to goe, preferred his will, before her owne desire: knowing, yet durst not to contradike, but to counsell him, and therefore said: My deare Ornatvs, my dutie bindeth me to consent, but my love willethe me to heare: feare of your mis-hap, maketh me unwilling, but will to fulfill your desire, maketh me give an unwilling consent: well let me request this, that you will take Phylactes in your company, and leave me to the custody of my servants, whose fidelity I am assured of: for having him with you, his ayde and counsell may much auail to preserve your life: which if you lose (as he intends to bid) with the same shall mine.

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made exult: for it is impossible Artelia should breathe Ornat-
 us being breathlesse. Ornatuſ with a ſmall feare, that hyper-
 feeding griefe were wounding from his heart, participated her la-
 ments: firſt requeſting the ſervants to be carefull of her good,
 and then, without delay, both furniſhing himſelfe & Phylates
 with rich Armour and Boole, of which there was great ſtore in
 that Caſtle: & for that the day began to appeare, they thought
 it time to depart, leaſt there coming from thence might be
 diſtoured. There might one behold ſorrow at parting in his
 right ſo true, heart-breaking ſighs breathing ſad farewells and
 ſorrowfull teares at ſo ſad a parting: when there ſhould have
 parted, they hand ſtill faſt, their hands in down then their
 voices oftentimes uttering theſe wordes, farewel: and
 when they were paſt hearing, they ever continually leaving
 each others ſight, he being without looking backe, and ſhe
 wiſhing looking after ſo long, as ſhe could perceive the glimmer-
 ing glance of his bright Armour, and he being paſt ſight of her,
 with ſad eyes beholding the place of her abode. Thus par-
 ted they, as if they had parted never to meet.

When nigh the Armes, they beheld them meet, and in hot
 ſtrife ſtapping ſtill a good ſpace, as to whether party it
 was likeli the victory ſhould incline: and in the end, when he
 ſaw the Armenians begin to retreat, and Lenon ſaw Lenon
 his father in the midde of the throng making exceeding ſlaugh-
 ter, and proud of their ſpeedy conquest, which let Ornatuſ
 heart on fire, that he ruſht amongſt the thickeſt of his Coun-
 trey-men, yet not once offering a blow, nor ſhewing a blow of
 the blow he loved, but only making ſhew to come in, and
 which made them not offer to ſeeke his ſalvage: but admiring
 what he was, let him goe free: after whom Phylates haſted.
 The ſouldiers ſeeing theſe two men come, thought to offend
 none, admired what they ſhould be, not one of them offering
 a blow, becauſe they were ſo brave. At this time Ornatuſ was
 come to the place where Lenon was, who then ſaw him, and
 ſore had met Alluſ: without whom many blowes and ſome
 wounds were given and received, but Alluſ had the worſt,
 by reaſon of his age. Ornatuſ knowing his father by his

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Armut, came betwixt them with his sword drawn, saying: Lendon stay thy hand, let age give free, & let the youth cope with me, that hath come to challenge thee before both the Armies; and therefore as thou art the things forme, a knight, and honourable Armes, give order by thy Herald, to stay the fury of the battail, till thou and I have tryed our valours: otherwise, this knight and I have vowed to hunt thee from place to place, and none else over, untill we have spilt the blood.

Lendon hearing this Champions proud challenge, said: If thou art a knight, a Gentleman, as I am, and canst shew wherein I have wronged thee, I will answer thee, otherwise know, that I scorne thee, although I know my selfe of sufficient strength to abate thy haughty presumption: were it never so great. Which that, two Heraults were sent from either Generall, to part the souldiers; which done, Ornatus before the open Assembly, said: Lendon, first I say, I am a Gentleman, as absolute and as good as thy selfe, because I am none neither art thou by right, but that by tyranny & usurpation thou holdest the same. I come as Artesias Champion to challenge thee of dishonour, as the outrage thou hast committed by detaining her liberty, doe manifest: I challenge thee for doing iniustice against Allinus, whom thou withholdest from his right by treasonous manner: I challenge thee as partaker of Arbasus death, for that thou hast receiv'd & upholdest the murderer Florentus, that hath deserved death: I challenge thee for oppression laid upon this whole land: And lastly for detaining Ornatus living, who never was impeach'd of treason; & therefore if thou darrest answer my challenge, I am here ready: otherwise, I pronounce thee for a coward & miscreant, not worthy to hear Armes. Lendon made this reply: Being accused by a stranger without cause I regard it not, being iudge my selfe, will not by thee be subdued: but for thy proud challenge, I will answer thee, as little regarding what thou wilt say, as thou dosting to do harme of thy selfe. The while each man stood, before I depart I will without delay, abate thy haughtinesse, though thy accusations are manifestly false: I both know and see in Artesias hardly as I do my selfe; my title to the Crowne, is just: for Allinus,

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he is both a traitor at home and abroad; first, in causing his complices to take his fathers life; and lastly, for bringing these Armenian bandes to destroy this Country. For Florus pardon, it is more, not iniquity. As for opposition done to Ornatus, all know, I neuer injured him; but if he take the place that is done to his traitorous father, as done to him, I cannot helpe that; but reuenge it thou, since thou art his Champion. Ornatus had much adoe to stay to heare out his speech, which galloped him to the very heart; that without speaking a word more, he smote at Lenon, and Lenon with courage, answered his blowes, beginning a most fierce and terrible encounter; and with like fury, continuing the same, till both had receiued many wounds; and their strokes began to be furious and mad, with the smart of some strokes that mist their right aim,

Ornatus calling to remembrance, first the iniuries he had receiued, & that Lenon, & none else, could dispossesse him of Artaxias loue, & many other wrongs he had done him and his parents; though onow to reuenge them all, and dispossesse Thron of the Crowne, by Lenons death: reuoluing his spirits with such courage that he began with renewed strength to assaile Lenon; who when they began to faint, would haue yielded, but that shame withheld him. Which when Ornatus perceiued, he thought at once to end the strife, that with one forcible blow he gaue him to depe a wound on the right arme, where the Armes was broken away, that he let fall his sword, and fell senselesse on his horse neck. Thron perceiuing his danger, with his Chardane rushing in, rescued him from Ornatus sword: which the chardane had parted his head from his body. With this, both the armies ioyned battaile again: the Armenians with new courage rushing upon their enemies; whose hearts began to faile, seeing Lenon so nere death, which made such a confusion amongst them, that they were ready to dye, or to be killed, then to fight it out: that of a sudden, the Armenians hap slaine an infinite number of them, and all the earth was dyed to a purple colour, with their blood. Ornatus heart was vexed to see so much of his Countreys blood shed, that he

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intreated Phylastes, to perswade the Souldiers to giue ouer, and him selfe rode betwixt the two Armies with a Herald, desiring them to stay their fury for a while. Long it was before they would giue ouer, but at last by the Drums and Trumpet sound, hauing called back the Armenians, Ornatus placing himselfe in the midst of his Countreymen, that a multitude might heare him, said: Renowned people of Phrygia, heare my speech, that am tormented to see so much of our blood shed, the effusion whereof, I seeke by all meanes to stop, hauing as you see for the loue I beare to you, not lifted my hand against any of you, but onely Lenon: the causes that bryge me to challenge him, is the manifest wrongs he and his father hath done to your selues, this Country, and all the Nobility; for the true testimony whereof, let every one inwardly examine his owne conscience, and they will not deny my words, but finde themselves exceedingly grieved with his oppression. Doe you not see what destruction he hath brought vpon this Land? Are not almost all the Nobility slayne and destroyed? Are not your libertees, goods, and friends taken from you? Is not the whole Land in an uproare, and every one driven from his quiet at home to venture his life in the field, and all this for satisfaction of his will and selfe-command, not grounded vpon law or iustice? Examine your consciences, is he your lawfull King? Did he not murder your lawfull King, onely to make you his vassals? Again, doth Allinus seeke to doe his Country wrong? doth he come to oppresse you? doth he seeke to abuse your liberty? No, he onely cometh to clayme his possessions, by iniustice taken from him: he cometh as brged by griefe, not to liue as a banished man, being himselfe, his wife, children, and family, driven to liue in misery and slavery, for the satisfaction of his lust. Then I beseech you, good Souldiers, consider well what you doe, whom you defend a traytor, and whom you resist, a deare friend, that loneth and tendereth your liues as deare as his owne: whose estate the Armenians pittie, to whom he was neuer gracious, but his wrong Countreymens hearts are hardened against him, repaying cruelty for his loue, and resistance to withhold his right.

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I could alledge so many reasons to dissuade you from following Throns will, as would aske a tedious recitall, but I know you are of wisdome to conceive the right, your hearts mercifull to pittie him, and your minds apt to doe iustice: then giue him ouer, discharge your minds of care, and disburthen your selues of his oppression, I stand here, as an Advocate to pleade for Allinus right, that hath endured too much wrong: I stand here as Artesias Champion, that is imprisoned by Lenon, abused by Lenon, and withheld from her liberty by Lenon: I stand here to intreat you save your owne liues, to preserve your liberty, to execute iustice, and to doe Allinus right, When I beseech you, lay aside your Armes, taken in defence of wrong; and turne your hearts to pittie innocency: whereby you shall save many of your liues, shew your selues men that are ruled by wisdome, not by rage; and purchase liberty, freedom, and peace, for ever. When you that beare the true hearts of Phrygians, follow me, and forsake to follow that Usurper, and stay such ruine and destruction, as is like to ensue by your refusall: and let the rightfull beere onto the Crowne, who will loue you, cherish you, and saue his Countries peace. The peoples hearts were so altered with his speeches, that many came running to him, crying, Allinus, Allinus: and the rest that were not yet resolved, stood in a doubt what to doe. Virgilius Duke Ternus commanded his forces to follow him, who withdrew himselfe from the Camp, and espying so fit occasion, determined likewise not to follow Thron longer, whom he neither hated nor loued, but yet esteemed as vnlawfull Usurper of that Kingdome, and rather desiring Allinus should possesse his right inheritance, then any way willingly contradicting the same: being, as many others were, forced to come to those warres, fearing Throns displeasure; who cared not in what sort his will was performed. Ternus therefore gave himselfe a part with this policy, that if Thron prevailed, yet he could not impeach him: and if Allinus had the best, yet he could not alledge that Ternus withstood him, thinking it the greatest point of wisdome to keepe himselfe vpright.

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Thron had no sooner conveyed his sonne to his Tent, and with much adoe recovered him to his senses, but there came a messenger posting from the Court, with newes, That Phylastes was two dayes since escaped out of prison: and presently after him, another brought newes, That Artesia, with the Pilgrim, was fled, but no man could tell whither. Lenon hearing the newes, became almost mad, and raged so extremely, that his wounds burst into fresh bleeding. And to fill up his heart with sorrow and desperation, another messenger from the Camp came running in, crying: Flye Thron, flye, we are betrayed to the Enemy; the Leaders, Captaines, and Souldiers, are revolted, and the Enemy is nere at hand, to surprize thee: Flye, and save thy life; for thine owne subjects haue left thee, and refused thy Government. Thron was so amazed and terrified with feare, that without regard of Lenons life, he fled to save himselfe; every one, saving those y^e fled with Thron, with haste running to theyr revolted fellows, to save themselves.

This newes was brought to Allinus: who hearing the same, and being past feare of Throns rage, sent a Herald to Ternus, to know whether he were his friend, or still continued those Bands, to resist him as his foe: who returned this answer. That he was neuer foe to him, but alwayes wisht his good: afterwards dismissing his souldiers, & sending every one well rewarded to his owne house; himselfe coming back to his Tent: where he met Allinus, whom he kindly saluted. Whither were assembled the chiefe States of the Land; to whom Allinus said: My Lords, since Thron and Lenon are fled, and none left but your Honors, in place of Justice, with right and equality to minister the same to such as haue sustained wrong; I, as one that haue above the greatest losse, commit my cause to your wisdomes: You know, what injuries I haue endured by his malice; onely, so that I sought to set Artesia at liberty, that was by Lenon imprisoned, and badly used: requesting nothing of you, but that which by right is mine, and belongeth to me by inheritance. The Nobles with a generall assent granted, that he should enjoy his former Possessions; and that his losse should be repayed out of the Kings Treasure.

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Ornatus standing by, said: Most noble Pères, you stand here debating matters, whilst the cause of your woe is living, and farre ynough from yielding to that you graunt; who now per aduenture is mustering new Forces, to make frustrate what you intend, and to worke reuenge: Which to prevent, giue me your consents to pursue him; and he being once taken, then may you, without controll, either establish him, or chuse a new, that should by right be your King.

To this all the Nobles gaue consent; and Ornatus, with thre thousand hozenen, followed Thæon: who first took the greene Fortresse, with fūe hundred men; who continued firme, wonne by great rewards: but hearing of the Armenians approach, vnder the conduct of the stranger that flew Lenon, in the night he fled, with a hundred of his nearest friends and allies, to Arbastus Castle; where he thought to liue secure, and unknowne, for that he thought his enemies would least of all suspect that place. He arrived there in the dead time of the night: but knocking, was denyed entrance; which made him almost desperate, that he assayed to enter by force: and presented so, that he gat in with the rest of his company, making fast the gates againe after them.

Artesias seruants knowing what he was, some ran one way, some another, to hide themselves from him one amongst the rest, came running into Artesias Chamber, declaring to her what had befallen, & how that the King had taken the Castle. Artesia hauing not yet heard of Lenons death, nor what successe Ornatus had in the Camp, wringing her hands, made this lamentation: Twice hath my deare Ornatus left me in this danger, and hazarded his owne life, hoping to attaine good successe; but cruell fortune hath still crost his laudable attempts; and left both him & my poore selfe in extreame misery. Now am I assured he is taken prisoner againe, and my selfe am like not long to goe free; for I am sure the King hath heard of my being here, which maketh him come thither late: Well might I but be made prisoner in the same place my Ornatus lyeth entyailled, that I might yet enjoy his sight, then should I thinke my selfe happy in misery; but I feare me too much; they will surely murder

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murther him, and neuer let me know thereof: whereby I shall be held with long frustrated hope to see him, and in the end be deceived. Neuer was poore Hayden brought to such miserie; nor I thinke true loue neuer crost with such bitter aduersities, which both he for me, and I for him, haue bene continually subjected vnto, euer since our first acquaintance. As she was still continuing her laments, the same seruant, whose name was Thriftus, came running in againe, saying: Deare mistresse, I haue found a meanes for your escape from hence, vnespied, if you will attempt the same, which is without any danger at all. Neuer tell me what it is (quoth she) but be thou my guide, and I will follow thee; for I will attempt any thing, to escape from him. When (quoth he) feare nothing, but follow me. When toke he her by the hand, leading her out of that Roome into a darke Churche, where, by reason of the night, there appeared not the least glimpe of light; and through that, into many backe Roomes & vnfrequented places of the Castle, untill he came to a pottene gate, which he opened, and after he was out, shut the same fast againe, saying: Now Distresse, you are out of the Castle, and pay feare of the King, who little knoweth you can passe out this way; therefore I pray tell me whether I shall conuert you: I thanke thee good Thriftus (quoth she) for this thy good assistance, for which I will one day be thankfull vnto thee; and now I pray thee direct me to Adellens house, who is my faithfull friend, and will rather die then betray me. When said, they began their Iourney, which was but thre miles, and therefore they soone ouercame the same, euen by the mornings light arriuing at y^e wished place. Adellena hearing some knock at the gate, commanded her maid to rise, to see what it was: the Damosell coming downe, before she would open the gate, asked who was there: Artesia knowing her voyce, said: It is Artesia, good Anna let me in. With that, the Damosell opened the gate, conducting her to her Distresses Chamber; who espying her, was so surprized with ioy, that she imbraced her with abundance of teares, saying: Welcome my deare Artesia, I was affraid I should neuer haue seene you againe; you haue bene so long time absent. Indeed (quoth she) I haue bene long

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long absent from thee, though still not farre from thee: but I haue newes of importance to tell thee, which I will forbear to speak of, untill I haue refreshed my selfe, for care and trauell hath made me exceedingly weary. Then Adellena brought her into a sweet and pleasant Chamber, where she laid her downe to rest.

CHAP. XVI.

How Ornatus surprized Theon in Arbasas Castle, who was slaine by one of his owne seruants.



Ornatus hearing the King had taken the greene Fortresse, helet the same round with his men: who took certaine of the Kings followers: that being brought before him, told him, the King was fled with some hundred in his company, to Arbasas Castle: which when he heard, without delay he rode thither, fearing, lest Theon getting in, and finding Artesia, should offer her some injury. He was no sooner come, but he found it so; for he was denyed entrance, nor could see one of Artesias seruants, whom he left as keepers of the same: which so much disquieted his heart, that he could not tell what to doe, thinking it best to intreat Theon kindly, lest he should seek revenge against Artesia, though she were innocent, and no way to be blamed for any thing: and such a multitude of contrarious feares arose in his fancies, that he seemed therewith metamorphosed. Which Phylastes some perceiued, and coming to him, said: How now Ornatus what hath feare taken away your courage? O my friend Phylastes (quoth he) Theon is within, and thereby possessor of Artesia, whose mind is so farre from the least thought of vertue, that he doubt he will seek revenge on her. Feare not that (quoth he) but summon him to the walls by the sound of a Trumpet, and call him to yield himselfe: And to the court of his Nobles; and promise him, with safety to conduct him thither. Ornatus allowed his counsell, and therefore commanded a Trumpet to sound a parley: and thereupon one from the

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the King appeared on the Wall, demanding what he would have. To whom Ornatus said: Well Thron, the King, that he come to him from the Doors of the Realme. The messenger told the King what he said: Whereupon Thron came in sight, demanding what he would have.

And thus he, I would have you yield; least by resistance, you procure a greater mischief to your selfe, then is by vs. pretend: Suppose, I should yield: yett he, how would you be me: Take a King (quoth Ornatus) honourably. I have found, said he, so small cause to trust you, that it were fondnesse to put my life within compass of your mercy: therefore I will keepe myselfe where I may, not doubting of many dores, to have so many friends, as shall doo these: I hee and the Armenians from the walls, and some of this country: which he spake, upon the confidence he had in certaine friends, that had promised to gather new forces, but meant never to performe the same.

Ornatus was much troubled in minde, to thinke what long become of Artesia; wondering that he spake not of her, nor could heare of any of her servants, that might give him knowledge how she fared. But seeing his faire words would not prevaile, said: Thron, since thou refusest the courteous proffer, I make thee, know, that my intent is altered; and since thou wilt not by faire means be won, I will enforce thee to submit thy selfe to my mercy, or abide my rigour; for not all the friends thou canst finde, shall shelter thee from my reuenge: for I haue sworn thee death, and nothing but that, shall satisfie me. Which word I will once againe reuoke, if you will yield without inforcement; and deliuer me Artesia in safety, that is in that Castle. Artesia (quoth Thron) had I her in my custody, I would be reuenged on her, because thou wishest her safety: but she is far enough from me; therefore thou seest her in vaine at my hands, who would so readily deliuer her to thee, as thou couldst wish; so that I esteem her not. But for my selfe, it shall neuer be said, my minde would stoop to base submission; nor that a King yielded to a slave, and base vassall, as thou art. Dost thou thinke, that a royall minde can put on so degenerate a habite: No: I tell thee, whatsoever thou art, I had rather

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by inforcement by, then by submission line. But he then
advised what thou dost, not long before these walls; for
there are so many whetting their swords, and putting on Ar-
mour in my defence, as ere the morning sun arise, will scare
thee from hence. Ornatus heart could not endure these bzaues,
and being withall vexed, for feare that Artesia should sustaine
some iniurie, thought speedily to take reuenge. Which, by
Phylastes counsell, he remitted until it were night, that then
whereas they might by some means get entrance into the
Castle, and so surprize them.

Ornatus thinking to walke alone by himselfe, to breath
forth in sighs some part of the paines that possesse his heart: and
withall, determining to breake the Castle, how he might with
conueniency get into the same without destroying it: for that
it belonged to his beloved, he opened the posterne gates: whereat
thrusting, it presently came open; which way, as yet, neither
Theon nor any of his company had found. Ornatus heart
was gladd he had founde good means to accomplish his will;
and putting the same to againe, came to Phylastes, and told
him thereof. When both of them presently agreed to enter that
way, and surprize them: conueying a hundred of the best sould-
iers secretly vnder the wall into that posterne, and plac-
ing the rest in the open field of the Castle, as if none of them
had bene wanting.

Ornatus and Phylastes entred; and after them, the rest: who
passing along through the waste rooms, at last came to the
place where they had left Artesia, but found her not: and such
successe had they in their attempt, that Ornatus continuing be-
hind Theon, smote him with his hand on the backe, before he
had any knowledge of his approach. Theon therewith start-
ing and looking backe, was amazed; but running forward,
drew out his sword, crying: My friends, saue and defend your
felows; wherewith, those that were about him, drew their
swords: To whom, Ornatus said: How now, vnderstanding
How now, vnderstanding Kings: where are those mighty forces
should drive me hence: till you yet yield, or stand to the tryall
by fight? I told (quoth Theon) but much against my will: for
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had friends dealt faithfully, I had not bene left in this misery. But since fortune so much fauoureth thee, as to make me thy prisoner, vse me well, for that I am a King, and to none but thy selfe am inthralled. Tell me (quoth Ornatus) what is become of Artesia, that not many dayes since I left in this place. I saw her not (quoth Thron) nor know I where she is, onely I found certaine seruants in this place, whom I haue put to death, least they should betray my being here. Tyant, quoth Ornatus, thinkest thou their deaths shall goe unreuenged? couldest thou be so cruell, as to murder those that were innocent; with whom, I feare me, thou hast made away Artesia? Why, what art thou, quoth Thron, that bleest such vndecent wordes to a King, that art thy selfe not worthy to speake to a King: and why makest thou such inquiry after Artesia, that for ought I know hath no intrest in her: suppose I haue slaine her that was the cause of all this woe, what canst thou challenge at my hands for her: it had bene good she had neuer been bozne, for she onely hath caused the originall of these troubles. Art thou a King, quoth Ornatus, and bearest so vnkingly a mind, as to slander true vertue? No: thou art a villaine, a murderer, a Traytor to this Land, an blasper of the Crowne, and a most wicked and cruell homicide: but for that thou wouldest know what I am, know, that I haue more interest to the Crowne then thou hast; my name Ornatus, and thy enemy, to whom by right that Crowne belongeth: which thou shalt no longer enjoy. Therefore, said he, such as are my friends, lay hold on this Traytor. He had no sooner spake those wordes, but Throns owne seruants were the first that apprehended him, being weary of his gouernement: and one amongst the rest, thinking that he had commanded them to slay him, and withall, hoping for reward for that forward exploit, hauing his sword ready drawn, suddenly (whilst Ornatus did but turne backe to confer with Phylastes) thrust the same through Throns body; that giuing a pitious groane, he gaue vp the Ghost. Ornatus turning backe, demanded who had done that dede: with that, the murderer drew backe, fearing to come befoze him, untill he was compeld.

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To whom Ornatus said: What art thou, that hast done this deed? art thou not one of his servants? hast not thou been maintained by him: did he not trust thee with his life: was he not thy King: then how durst thou presume to strike thy master, be ingratefull to him that gave thee gifts, prove false to him that trusted thee, and sleigh thine annoynted King: By Lord (qd. he) I did mistake your words, and hope to preserve my owne life, made me to doe that deed, which I thought would haue pleased you. I am not (qd. he) sorry he is dead, but say that thou slewest him, whom thou in all duty oughtest to haue defended: for which, thou shalt dye a miserable death. Then he commanded that he should be toyne in pierces with Moyses: which befoze he departed thence, was performed.

CHAP. XVII.

How Ornatus was chosen King, How he departed vnkowne in search of *Artusia*. How *Lenon* sought againe to betray him, but was disappointed. How he was banished. *Tyrus* pardoned. And *Ornatus* and *Artusia* royally married.



He being dead, Ornatus, with Phylastes, returned to the Court, where all the Princes were assembled: who befoze his coming, had by a voluntary messenger, understood the manner of *Thronis* death, the care whereof was already past, for that few or none at all loved him: but now their care was, whom to chuse as their King: but first they welcomed Ornatus, none of them all knowing him, nor once suspecting what he was: who now could find no further occasion to conceale himselfe: but humbling himselfe befoze *Allinus*, he said: By renowned Lord, the cause I haue so long concealed my selfe, hath beene fear of the things cruelly, and *Lenons* enuy, who both would haue endangered me: but now being free of that misdoubt, your grace commaunde Ornatus submitte himselfe, humbly craving pardon for my neglect of duty. With that, he vnarm'd his head, and his father knowing him, in most loving wise embraced him,

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him, shedding teares for joy of his safety, whom he thought had bene long since dead. Duke Ternus and the rest reioyced to see him, and with imbracings expresse their joy, entering into admiration of his honoured parts and noble chivalry. Phylastes being likewise knowne, was much commended, whom they deemed had bene murdered in the Prison by Lenon, so that he could not be found. Allinus beholding Ornatus, and with what valour he had behaved himselfe, reioyced exceedingly: the Commons clapt their hands for joy, and the Nobles among themselves began to relate, how bravely, valiantly, and patiently, he had behaved himselfe in all that he had undertaken. After many welcomes past, Ternus craving audience, stood up, uttering these speeches: O my Lords, we were not now before rejoicing of Allinus his right, because there is none to contradict what we establish. Besides, we being all now assembled together, and our late tyrping King dead, there can be no fitter time to chuse a new King: and such a one, as by right of blood, & by our generall consents, may rule us. Theron your knowles no way interested to the Crowne, but by usurpation, and hath rooted out almost all that he knew to have any title or interest in our late Kings blood, of which House, Allinus was to the last, by marriage of the Lady Aura, Descendant to our late King: the right being in him, if there be any man in this Assembly, that can contradict that which I have said, let him speak. Which when he had said, he againe sat downe. Upon his speeches, the Nobles conspired, the people consulted, & at last the common soldiers cryed out, Let Ornatus be our King. Ornatus is our King. The nobles likewise gave consent to that the multitude liked, and Ornatus was chosin King: whom they would have crowned; but at his desire, they deferred the day of his Coronation to a month in the same time esteeming him as their King. And that day, with greete Royalty, setting him in possession of the seat.

All busynesse for that day being ended, the Armenians richly rewarded, feasted, and with joy ready to returne, Allinus inquired, but for the want of his Lady, & all thing staid, so that Ornatus being alone by himselfe, mused much what he should doe.

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uelling what was become of her; sometimes thinking, she was slain by Thron, and then supposing, she was escaped out at the Posterne gate, which he found open: that in these contrarieties of doubts he continued, sometimes despairing, and then againe feeding himselfe with hope.

After Artesia had rested her selfe, and receiued some part of her sleepe she had lost that night, though but with broken slumbers; she began to declare to Adellena, what miseries she had endured, & troubles she had past, since she was by Lenon carried from her house: how she met with Ornatius againe, & every thing that was befallen; with the cause of her flight at that instant. But Adellena, said she, I feare me I shall neuer see him againe: for had he not bene taken, and his father overthowne, Thron could not haue had so much leisure, as to come to surprize me there; but *God* heauen granted me a fortunate escape: And if I could be so happy, as to heare that Ornatius were in safety, though he had not that successe his desire did aime at, my heart would be at some rest, which is now pinched with suspicious torment. His adventurous valiant heart could not be withstanding, by any perswasion, to leaue to aid his father: but notwithstanding infinit perils hung over his head; yet, to shew the mye of a louing sonne, & the mind of a vertuous valiant gentleman, he would not desist to hazard his person which now, I feare me, isaine into the hands of his enemies. But yet Phylaster, I hope, will by his good and friendly counsel be a meanes to keepe him from danger. Many other speeches Artesia vsed: and Adellena vsed as many on the contrary part to perswade her, *God* Ornatius was in safety; the truth whereof, she told her, she should some knowe: for (quoth she) I haue sent one of my seruants to learne the truth of all that is happened, who I know will shortly returne. Which fell out even as she had told: for *God* seruand returned, bringing newes of Lenons death, acted by a strange knight; and how that Thron was slain, and being likewise by the strange knight surprized in Arabus Castle, was slaine by one of his owne seruants: which knight was not knowne to be Ornatius, and was elected king by the Idians; but he had deferred his day of Coronation by reason of

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Some speciall grieffe that troubled him. Artesias heart was reui-
ued with these newes: knocking, & grieffe Ornatus indured, was
for her absence: that presently she determined to send him word
of her safety: & wrote a Letter, the contents whereof were these.

MY deare Ornatus, no newes could haue come more wel-
come to me, then your safetie: and nothing more vn-
welcome then to heare of your heauinesse: which I would
entreat you to cease, for that I am in safety in *Adellinas* house;
being by one of my seruants, the same night the King tooke
my Castle, at a Posterne gate, in safetie brought hither: where
I trust, ere long, to see you: which will replenish my soule
with exceeding comfort: for on your safety, my life and fel-
icitie dependeth.

Yours for euer, *Artesia*.

Whilſt ſhe wrote this Letter, ſhe gave it to Thriftus, willing
him to deliver the ſame to Ornatus with all ſpeed.

Destinies doe alſo many to exceeding miſfortunes: and ſome
men are of that diſhonourable and vniuanly diſpoſition, that
they account all meanes to attaine their deſires, lawfull; not
regarding the ſhame & perill will enſue thereon. Of which na-
ture was Lenon: who being conveyed from the Campe by his
friends, ſome recovered: & kept in a ſecret place, leſt he might be
knowne: having no other meanes but by abſenting himſelfe,
to ſaue his life. Whoſe ſuppoſed death, cauſed Theons ſight
to the greene Foſtreſſe: from whence likewiſe he was ſepar-
ted, beſore Lenon could come to giue him knowledge of his
ſafety. And knowing, that it was then too late to ſalue thoſe
miſeries he ſtill concealed himſelfe: following Ornatus (though
vniuan to him) with intent to murder him, if he could by
any meanes take him at advantage: but he was ſtill diſappoin-
ted. And withall ſaw the death of his father, done by his owne
ſervant: ſtill intermingling himſelfe amongſt ſouldiers, that
he was taken to be one of them, & neuer ſuſpected. But Orna-
tus being returned to the Court, Lenon was then compelled
to leaue to follow him, and harboured ſome times in one place,
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and sometimes in another: having knowledge of Articias absence, he could not tell whether he were alive, or dead; but when he thought he could not be, but rather by some means escaped. And when Thristus was newly come out of Adellenas house, Lenon espied him, and knowing him to be one of Articias servants, he suspected his spirits was there; to whom he came, saying: My friend well met, I take you to be one of Articias servants, unless I be deceived; whither if you will resolve me of, I will doe a message to you, that I am willed to deliver to her from her deare friend Ornatus. Indeed (quoth Thristus) I serve Articia, and am now going to Ornatus with a Letter from Articia, who is in safety in Adellenas house. Lenon hearing his speech, being before determined what to doe, drew out his dagger, and suddenly stabbed him, casting his body into a pit; and taking the Letter from him, brake by the seale, and read the contents; which when he had done, began to study, which way to revenge himselfe on Ornatus, and afterwards, to get Articia into his possession; and for that he thought delay might hinder his intent, he first wrote a Letter in Articias name, the contents were these.

O Ornatus, my dearest friend, the newes of your happy victory, and conquest of your enemies, is come to my knowledge; then which, nothing could haue beene more welcome vnto me. Likewise I heare, that much heaviness possesseth you for my absence, that am in safety; and desire you to meet me to morrow night, and you shall finde me with *Adellens*, at the Lodge in the Parke neere vnto my Castle: In the meane time, remitting all further report of my escape, and manifestation of my loue, vntill the happy time I may meet you.

Yours in all loue, *Articia*.

When he had written this Letter, and imitated therein Articias own hand so nere, that it could hardly be discerned, he went to the Court, and behaued the matter so cunningly, that he was no way suspected, but was admitted into Phylastes presence; to whom he deliuered the Letter: For Ornatus him.

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himselfe being exceedingly troubled in his minde, had left the Court, with some three in company, to goe in search of Artesia; and left Phylastes in his Chamber, and in his Head to answer such as should come with any letters to him. Phylastes being taken for Ornatus of all, but of some that attended him, received the Letter, promising to meet Artesia there, at the same time appointed; giving the Messenger a reward. Lenon being departed, went to a place, where he found a certaine Brittain of his, named Lucertus, to whom he declared both what he was, and what means he wrought for his revenge on Ornatus, who without respect, joynd hands with him, and promised forth many othes to employ his life in pursuite of revenge; who, with Lenon included, besage Ornatus coming, to be in the Lodge, with a sufficient company to surprize him, and with the premeditated revenge, Lenon being assured of his ayd, next determined to take Artesia from Adellenas house, and to bring her to Lucertus Castle: untill the time appointed, staying with Lucertus: to see him depart with his ambush to the Lodge: which he saw effectually performed. Phylastes presently, upon the receipt of that Letter, sent out a messenger to take Ornatus, and to certifie him, that Artesia would meet him at the Lodge with Adellena that evening, and that he should finde Phylastes there: who (being by Artesias messenger taken for himselfe) had appointed to be there, lest he should not conveniently be found. The Messenger with great hast departed, and following after some pilgrims, (for in that habite Ornatus, and such as were with him, went) by that time the day was nere to an end, the Messenger found Ornatus: to whom he declared what Phylastes had given him in charge, and in taking the place: saying that he should, by his direction, finde him at the Lodge, finishing Phylastes words he said at Adellenas house. Ornatus hearing that heavenly tidings, leapt for joy, presently hastning to Adellenas house, which was not farre off. Lenon to see the attempt, (which he thought he could not by violence execute: for he thought, she should carry her away peacefully in the evening, he should be presented) gently answered the letter which he had taken from Thrasus, which

be determined to deliver to Arctia, as from Ornatus: the contents whereof were these.

My most deare and beloved Arctia, I have received the Letter you sent me by your servant; whom I have employed about a matter of great importance, that none could so fitly execute as himselfe: which newes was most welcome, to the comfort of my heart, that was almost overcome with despair of your safety, whereon my chiefest felicity dependeth. Therefore omitting further recitall of my joy for your safety, which this Paper cannot expresse, therefore I will meete you soone, where this my servant will bring you: whose fidelity I assure you is such, as that he will doe nothing but what I have given him in charge: untill which time of meeting, I cease all further circumstance of speeches. Yours Ornatus.

With this Letter Lenon went to Adellenas house, and knocking at the gate, was brought to her, to whom he delivered the same: who reading the contents, and being before not well acquainted with Ornatus hand, nothing at all suspected the contrary: but both believing that it came from him, and determined to goe with the messenger to meet him: whilest he was preparing to goe with Lenon, Adellenas spouse came in, telling her, that there was another to speake with her from Ornatus: to whom Lenon spake commendations, and Arctia bidles her to come in. Ornatus beholding her, had thought to have embraced her, and discovered himselfe; but seeing a stranger there, and a Letter in her hand, he stood a while. Arctia seeing well his countenance thought it was Ornatus himselfe, but knowing the messenger said: I have receiv'd this Letter from Ornatus, and therefore if you have any further message from him, it is not for any man to bring him, shall be most welcome. Ornatus thought it was sent by Phylax: but not knowing the messenger, marvelled thereat, saying: I cannot believe that it came from him, for whilst with in this house he had not knowledge of your being home: but that, Arctia gave him the Letter, telling him so much the same. Ornatus soon knew it was written by some stranger, and there.

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therefore said: I know this comes not from Ornatus, for this
 is not his hand, nor he that brought it, any of his servants; for
 himselfe sent me before, appearing to be here within this
 house. Lenon hearing his speeches, with himselfe a thousand
 doubts off, fearing to be discovered, for that he could not tell how
 to excuse himselfe, nor by any colour avoid the danger. He
 then Ornatus said: My friend, when did he deliver thee this
 Letter: He answered (quoth he.) Thou hast, said Ornatus: for he
 hath not been at the Court these three dayes. Lenon thinking
 with impudence to outface, having no other means left that
 was likely to helpe him, therefore said: This Letter came from
 Ornatus, and then spake, insinuating the contrary; being some
 Villaine, that art set to betray this Lady: therefore (quoth he)
 speaking to Artesia, believe him not, for he is come with some
 evil intent. With that, Ornatus had those that were with
 him, lay hands on him: who presently apprehended him, and
 pulling off his hat, and subtil disguise that he wore, knew him
 to be Lenon: at the first, being halfe afraid to touch him, for
 that they would have thought he had bene dead. Ornatus see-
 ing Artesia in an exceeding sight, discovered himselfe, and with
 great joy embraced her, desired her to feare nothing. Artesia
 knowing him, soon forgot her feare, embracing him with ex-
 ceeding joy. He whom he said: Feare him not, my deare Arte-
 sia, for he is himselfe, or his ghost, I care not: it shall bee hard,
 if he now escape my hands. He whom he says: What discourse,
 words and rochaunt villaine, couldest thou not be contented to live
 in quiet, having once escaped my fury, but thou must by further
 complots and trecheries seek to betray this Lady, that thou
 didst injury her: Thou art thou hast thou interrupted her quiet, and
 from quietness, brought her into misery: and knowing that she
 could not like thee, yet thou wast so impudent as never to give
 her the suite but to attain thy desire, first deprived her of liber-
 ty banished me in the disguise of Sylvian, and sought to be-
 tray my fathers life, and not satisfied with all these, like a com-
 monly malignant, seeketh by villany to betray her: and notwithstanding
 standing I have beheld thy fathers base and villainous meritorious
 punishment, thou seekest to betray this Ladies life by some

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unknowne treachery, not yet revealed: For all which, thou shalt suffer punishment as I have devised, and have power to execute. Lenon seeing himselfe discovered, grew desperate, and scorned to be rebuked at his hands, whom he still esteemed his inferiour; but especially being, that it was he that had so long bindeed his love to Artesia, said: Ornatus, I thinke thou hast either forgotten thy selfe, or else what I am, that at thy pleasure rebukest me in such basill and ill-beseeming termes. Am I not thy better, and one that not long since might have commanded thee: and is thy minde so much elevated and proud, that thou wilt not acknowledge it? Thou makest brags of thy power, when thou mayst rather wish thame keepe silence, and with remorse repent, that thou hast sought the death of thy lawfull King, being thy selfe but a traitor. As he would have spake more, but Ornatus interrupted him, saying: Hold thy peace, and doe not stir my minde to more sharp revenge by thy reply for I faine to heare thee speak: therefore give over, lest I punish that tongue of thine, for uttering such high words in defence of vice. Whereupon Lenon, thou wilt not heare me speake in defence of my selfe, let me be conveyed from thy presence, for thy sight is as odious unto me, as mine to thee. Whilst they thus continued in Adellias house, a messenger came running to breathless, uttering these speeches: Behold most worthy Ornatus, I bring thee a message of much mee, and heavy import. Whereupon there was a messenger came to the Court, that brought a letter in Artestas name to Phylattes: who presently sent out a messenger, to give you knowledge thereof: but not heeding of his returne, went himselfe and some twenty in his company to the place appointed, and entering he found not Artesia there, but a crew of Rebels, amongst whom, Lucertus was chief, who all at once hee took him and his followers, taking him for one of theirs: having so many, above the small number that went with Phylattes, that hee had some daunce most of them that were with him: and himselfe not able to withstand such a multitude, had received many grievous wounds, and had bene surely slaine, but that the Beagens sent them this

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It fortuned that day, that Duke Ternus was going from the Court to his owne house: who by great fortune hearing the noise, with his men halsted thither wards; & hauing knowledge of what was done, most valiantly both himself and his men set upon Lucertus, whom they soon vanquished, having first slaine many of his complices: and him hath he carried prisoner, with the rest of such as were alive, unto the Court; and with them, Phylastes, in great danger of death. Ornatus heart was exceedingly wroth, to heare of his deare friend Phylastes hurt: but especially, to thinke, that he had not before attached Lucertus, which he was once in minde to haue done; which would haue prevented all these mischises. The night now being come, Ornatus caused Lenon to be bound hand and foote, and put into a strong place of y^e house, with some to watch him, lest he should doe himselfe violence: himself, with Artesia, spending that Evening in many speeches, relating the manner of all these misfortunes; but especially comforting themselves in each others loue; with Adellina, calling to remembrance the whole manner of their troubles, onely procured by Lenon: which sad relations, made the renning of their loue moze pleasant and delectable.

Early the next morning, Ornatus putting himself in his Balmer robes, and couering Artesias face with a haile, & carping Lenon with them bound, departed towards the Court. The next morning, the Barres of the Land being still there, assembled themselves: amongst whom, was Allinus, that likewise had found his Lady; who hearing of his happy successe against Thron, was that morning newly arrived at the Court, and by him entertained with exceeding ioy. By that time they were assembled, & had called Lucertus before them; Ornatus, with his company were likewise come, though unknowne: and standing by, heard Lucertus confesse, that Lenon had instigated him to worke that reuenge against Ornatus; himselfe being likewise gone to betray Artesia. The whole assembly marvelled, when they heard him say, Lenon perswaded him to it: that Allinus stood up, saying: Is not he dead: then how can this be? Lenon (quoth Lucertus) is not dead. With that, Ornatus stepping in, thrust Lenon before him, and sayd: Here is the man that hath

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presented him to see all this mischief. The Nobles beholding him were amazed at his sight; but being assured it was he, by the perfect knowledge they had of him, Ternus said: Lenon, I had alwayes thought thou hadst borne the minde of a Gentleman, but now I find the contrary in thee, and that in the most shamefull degree. What fury led thee to such mischievous attempts: to hire Lucertus to slay Ornatus, which he hath almost performed, and thy selfe to seeke the death or misery of that vertuous Lady, & hath already injured too much wrong by the folly? Allinus had not as yet heard of Ornatus hurt; nor any knew the contrary, but that Phylastes was he: for he, according to the minde of a most vertuous & constant friend, still concealed himselfe. But the Lady Aura had yet some her sonne, whom she had but heard of; that Allinus said: Is my sonne Ornatus almost slaine? O trayterous villaine. With that, Aura likewise began to make exceeding lamentation: which Ornatus was not able to behold; and therefore pulling off his disguised habit, humbly reuerenced himselfe before them vpon his knees: both his parents knew him, & with exceeding ioy embraced him, shedding abundance of teares for his safety. With that, Duke Ternus and all the rest came to him, kissing him with such behauior, as belonged to him they had chose King, seating him in an imperiall Chaire. He being thus set, said: O noble Lords, I thanke you for intitling me with this exceeding honour; therefore my desire is, since you haue elected me of your free and bounteous hearts to be your King, let me this day, and instantly, be installed with possession of the Diademe, for that I haue now no further cause of care, to cause me deferre the same: & likewise that I may giue iudgement against these most wicked conspirators. The Nobles with ioyfull hearts gaue consent, & immediately crowned him; with bended knees doing him reuerence. Which done, Ornatus rising from his imperiall seat, came to Artelia, taking her by the hand; leading her vp to the Throne, seated her in the Chaire, placing the Crowne vpon her head, saying: O Lords, as you haue elected me King, I pray likewise be contented with that I am, & make this your Queene; then puld he off the bayle from Artelias face, & her clear beauty appeared, to admiration of

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all: who beholding, in humble sort bid her reuerence, making
 exceeding shouts for joy, their hearts being all glad of her safety.
 When this was done, she came before & embraced them, giv-
 ing them many thanks; who all shewed such exceeding kind-
 nesse as exprest their hearty good will, and reioyced both her and
 Ornatus to behold: especially Aura, and Ternus Dutcheffe; who
 with many embracements, which they thought they could not suf-
 ficiently expresse, reioyced to see her in that safety. By that time
 Ornatus was againe leaſed, & Artesia by him, Phylastes hearing
 of Ornatus returne, being (though grievously wounded) yet in
 no great danger of death, as well as he could, came into y^e place.
 Then where beholding Ornatus and Artesia crowned, knelt
 before them: his heart containing exceeding joy, to be-
 hold y^e heavenly sight: whom Ornatus kindly embraced, reioy-
 cing to see him in y^e good estate; after Artesias salutation, willing
 him to sit before amongst them. When Ornatus first comman-
 ding Floretus to be sent for out of prison, thus said: Now there
 resteth nothing, but to give sentence against these, y^e by conspi-
 racies have bene murderers, which fact is so heinous, y^e it ma-
 keth them both odious to God and man; in which offence, both
 thou Lenon, Lucertus, and Tyrellus, are guilty: therefore Lenon
 (qd. he) first declare, what moved thee, from time to time, to
 commit so many & grievous acts as y^e hast done: Lenons heart
 was dead with vexation, to see him crowned, and Artesia chosen
 his Queene, y^e hanging before his head he would not speake:
 but Lucertus humbling himselfe upon his knee, asked pardon.
 By this time Floretus was brought in, looking with such a
 meager & pale countenance, by reason of his long imprisonment
 that Artesia wept to behold him, & could not chuse but run and
 embrace him: upon her knee intreating Ornatus to pardon the
 offence he had committed which was against none but her selfe.
 Ornatus taking her knee, suddenly caught her up; embracing
 Floretus, & commanding his hands to be unlocked, withall saying:
 I not onely with a willing heart pardon you, but also give unto
 you for ever all those possessions y^e belonged unto your brother
 Arbastus. Floretus, who expected nothing but death, was exce-
 ding ioyfull, and humbly upon his knees received many thanks.

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When Ornatuſ ſeeking himſelf againe, ſaie: Becauſe this
day is the firſt of our reigne, I would I might begin with merr
and not with rigour; There ſhall not a word of mine by our com
mand be ſaid: and therefore Lenon, though their heart be ſet
no longer, but a moſt miſerable death, he ſaith that King
Lucartes, commanding this, upon paine of death, within ſente
dayes to depart this Land, ſo: that we haue thee hence for
uer: which doome is too mercifull for the fact: For the Lenon
he onely haue thee this Court: where on paine of death he
not thy loſe, leſt thy life ranſome for preſumption. This he
taking Artelia by the hand, he was by the ſeaſes, with a noſe
of Trumpets, and exceeding ſound: then to a Chappell, and
in ſeaſon for that day married Artelia: and from thence to
an Imperiall feaſt: ſpending all that day in great pleaſure,
and at night taking ſaſhfull delight in her loſe: both then, and
during the time of both their liues, liuing in moſt plea
ſant, louing, and beſtious loſe: that moſt places of
the world were filled with the report of
their beſtious life, and peaceable
government.

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